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THE CONSTITUTION.—After accomplishing independence and testing the inadequacy of the old articles of confederation, when the nation resolved to risk a national government with all powers necessary to a federative nationality, the main object was "to secure the *blessings of liberty* to themselves and their posterity." This object is not merely proclaimed in the preamble, but is legible in the whole scope of the constitution. All things were subordinated to that main idea, that chief desire.

Hence the great care to prevent consolidation as the death-blow of liberty. In the language of the platform upon which President Lincoln was elected and which he repeated in his inaugural speech, "The maintenance inviolate of the rights of the States, and especially of the right of each State to order and control its own domestic institutions, according to its own judgment exclusively, is essential to that balance of power on which the perfection and existence of our political fabric depend."

"Hence" as upon able defender of the constitution, "the guarantee that 'the trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury;' that the guarantee of the sacred privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, of the right to bear arms, of the right of petition, of the right of free conference, free speech, free press, and free ballot, with the right of exemption from unreasonable searches or seizures, and from any other arrest or seizure but by 'warrant issued upon probable cause, supported by oath particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized,' and also the guarantee to each State of a Republican form of government."

"Hence, also, the guarantee of exemption in every other case from trial or punishment by any military tribunal, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger, also the guarantee that he should not be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, and that his 'private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation.'

"Hence, also, were prohibited all titles of nobility, all bills of attainder, all *ex post facto* laws, all [illegible] bail, and all cruel punishments.

"Hence, also, the constitution proclaims itself to be the 'supreme law of the land.' This declared supremacy is without exception or limitation. It was intended for all time and under all circumstances. The calamity of its having been intended for time of peace and not for war is a modern and false invention of the enemies of civil liberty to cause usurpation or abuse of power. Facts conclusively showing it was made for civil war and more especially in time of war and public danger, in time of grave civil liberty, is equally in little dispute. It is in time of public danger, in time of civil war, that usurpations are aroused, and consequent infringements are more prone to criminal persecution. It is to restrain those passions to prevent such persons from such journeys that the guarantees of the constitution were made."

Much reliance was placed upon the instrument peculiarly new device of a written constitution for securing liberty. To that end it must be inviolable. To secure its inviolability an oath for its support was required from Federal and State officers. The President, from his great power and peculiar liability to undue influence, being an object of special distrust, was required to be very emphatic in his official oath. He was required to swear that he would, "to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution."

These oaths admit no evasion, no mental reservation or equivocation, but require implicit obedience. A man cannot honestly take the oath to obtain power and then break the oath in using the power. A President is all-wise and no mental reservation of intention to break the oath whenever he should deem it "indispensable" to usurp non-granted power, substituting his own opinion for that of the nation as to what is or is not indispensable, nor can he honestly, for any purpose, substitute his arbitrary will for law or constitution, or substitute military despotism for our free Republic.

The excuse of violating the constitution for the purpose of preserving it has no possible basis of fact or morality. There is but the one only mode for its preservation—that is, by obedience. All other modes, whatever the simulated pretext are mere treachery. No officer is trusted with discretion to disobey the constitution. Whenever he usurps such discretion he perpetrates the basest moral treason an officer can commit. When he does it by suppressing civil authority with military force, he is guilty of actual treason, within both the letter and spirit of the definition of treason, as given in the constitution. It he escape hanging, it will be only because the laws of his country are not administered upon him. Officers cannot be allowed a discretion to commit treason any more than citizens are allowed discretion to commit murder.

As said by Webster. "The spirit of liberty will not permit power to overstep its prescribed limits, though good intent, patriotic intent, come along with it. *This is the nature of constitutional liberty.* This is our LIBERTY."

The constitution being the creator of our national life, the only true preserver of free national life, its existence and protection constitute the very highest duty of American patriotism.

All expenditure of the constitution by an alleged higher law, law of necessity or of war, are mere pretexts for unnecessary usurpation by would-be tyrants. It gives ample power to meet all the exigencies of any war. So thought the great men by whom it was made—so thought the wise nation by whom it was adopted; and so the nation continued to think with near entire unanimity, till the government fell into the hands of incompetents, who endeavor to cloak their imbecility under alleged demerits of the constitution. So also profess to think some of the most respectable and talented of the dominant party. One of them has said in the Senate: *"Necessity is the plea of tyrants,* and if our constitution ceases to operate the moment a person charged with its observance thinks there is necessity for its violation, it is of little value. I want no other power for putting down even this gigantic rebellion than such as may properly be derived from the constitution. The more we study its provisions, the more it is tried in troublous times, the greater will be our admiration and veneration for the wisdom of its authors."

Even if it were true that any power necessary to greater efficiency in the government had been withheld, that would afford no justification for usurpation. For, as said by Washington. "Let there be no change by usurpation, for though this in one instance may be the instrument of good, it is the customary instrument by which free governments are destroyed. The precedent sets always a good example for the abuse in a future case, and any partial or occasional benefit which may be derived from

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GENERAL MCCLELLAN'S PROCLAMATION.—The battle of Bull Run or Manassas, fought near the close of July, 1861, was followed the next day by a telegraphic despatch to General McClellan in Western Virginia, directing him to repair immediately to Washington. On the 27th of July he assumed command of the Division of the Potomac. On August 4th, one week after his arrival at the National Capital, General McClellan having in the interval been solicited by the President to give his opinion on certain subjects, addressed a memorandum to him, from which we select the following:

The object of the present war differs from those in which nations are engaged, mainly in this: that the purpose of ordinary war is to conquer a peace, and make a treaty on advantageous terms: in this contest it has become necessary to crush a population and destroy its means, intelligent, and warlike to constitute a nation. We have not only to defeat their armed and organized forces in the field, but to display such overwhelming strength as will convince all our antagonists, especially those of the governing, aristocratic class, of the utter impossibility of resistance. Our late reverse made this course imperative. Had we been successful in the recent battle (Manassas) it is possible that we might have been spared the labor and expenses of a great effort.

Now we have no alternative. Success will enable the political leaders of the South to convince the mass of their people that we are inferior to them in force or courage, and to command all their resources. The contest began with a class, now it is with a people—our success can alone restore the former status.

Be thoroughly defeating their armies, taking their strong places, and pursuing a rigidly protective policy as to private property and unarmed persons, and a lenient course as to private soldiers, we may well hope for a permanent restoration of a peaceful Union. But in the first instance the authority of the government must be supported by overwhelming physical force.

Whoever has been led to believe that Gen. McClellan is not a sagacious statesman and true patriot, will see in this extract that the entire Administration sought his counsel and relied implicitly upon his advice. His opinions formed at the outbreak of the rebellion have been confirmed by events. It has been asserted that his Harrison's Landing letter of July 7, 1862, directed to the President, was arrogant and dictatorial, but no one can fail to be impressed with the deep and solemn earnestness which marks that letter, and to thinking that "I may be on the brink of eternity; and as I hope for forgiveness from my Maker, I have written this letter with sincerity toward you and from my love for my country." But there is nothing in that communication which was not foreshadowed by his memorandum to the President on August 4, 1861. In one year from that date, he had seen where the defects of the President's policy interfered with the successful prosecution of the war, and, although he was no longer the General-in-Chief, it was clearly his duty to advise with his superiors, or, in Halleck's language in the next month, to "assist" with his "ability and experience." On August 4, 1861, at the President's solicitation, he had shown his ability to advise without the maturity of a year's experience, but on August 4, 1862, exactly one year afterwards, he wrote from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac at Berkeley, in reply to Halleck's order to withdraw his army from the Peninsula to Acquia Creek, which he said caused him the greatest pain he ever experienced, as he was convinced the order would prove disastrous to our cause, and he feared it would be a fatal blow. Have not events shown his prescience? Two years and a quarter have elapsed since the terrible blunder made by General Halleck; life and treasure have been poured out like water in the vain effort to retrieve the disaster, and Grant, with his skill, his great resources, and his ample reinforcements, has been unable to do what McClellan could have done on the 20th of June, 1862, had he had *only ten thousand fresh troops to use.* In the protest against Halleck's order for withdrawal, McClellan wrote as follows:

Clear in my convictions of right, strong in the consciousness that I have ever been, and still am, actuated solely by the love of my country, knowing that no ambitious or selfish motives have influenced me from the commencement of this war, I do now, what I never did in my life before, I entreat that the order may be rescinded.

If my counsel does not prevail, I will with a sad heart obey your orders to the utmost of my power, directing all the movement, which I clearly foresee will be one of the most delicate and difficulty, whatever skill I may possess. Whatever the result may be—and may God grant that I am mistaken in my forebodings—I shall at least have the internal satisfaction that I have written and spoken frankly, and have sought to do the best in my power to avert disaster from the country.

The order was not rescinded. General Halleck emphatically repeated it, and his principal reasons were that if Pope's army should be diminished to reinforce McClellan, Washington would be left unprotected and exposed, and that the old Army of the Potomac was split in two. The General-in-Chief said he did not wish to know, nor had he inquired, *by whose advice or for what reasons,* the Army of the Potomac was thus separated; he found the forces divided and wished to reunite them. This is a strange admission Stanton succeeded Cameron as Secretary of War on January 15, 1862, and McClellan was removed from the general control of the army on March 11, exterior to the movement of the army, and until July 11th there was no General-in-Chief of the army until Halleck was appointed at McClellan's suggestion, two days after the President had visited him, and four days after the date of the Harrison's Landing letter in which the suggestion was made. If it was so disastrous to divide the army, Washington management was responsible for it, for McClellan always insisted this, before Richmond was the true defence of Washington, and had, from the time Bleuker and McDowell, with their commands, were taken from him, been constantly asking for reinforcements. This may explain why President Lincoln, on the 6th of August, publicly assumed the responsibility for the mistake to the Army of the Potomac.

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☞ Montgomery Blair said in his Lincoln speech at Frankfort, that "one Farragut took the forts at the entrance of Mobile Bay and inflicted great damage on the rebel cause." It is true that one Farragut rendered this patriotic service, and it is equally true that *several fibbing generals* are trying to render far more service to the rebel cause than ever "one Farragut," with all his genius and patriotism, has been able to render to the cause of the Union.

The Commonwealth, in its account of the speech of Mr. Blair, the Kentucky electioneering body-guarded by a hundred troopers, *at your cost and expense,* dear readers, talks to the people as follows:

Mr. Blair, in the most impressive and earnest manner, warned his hearers of what would certainly befall home traitors if they persisted in their nefarious schemes. He uttered no threats—or Kentuckians were the last men to threaten, or to care for threats—but merely stated the teachings of History. Freemen might suffer long, but there was a point beyond which they would not suffer their liberties to be trammeled upon, or even endangered—a time when, patience being exhausted, and long suffering worn out by its abuse, they would rise in their majesty and right and bring the offenders to their merited punishment. Such had always been the case in a free government, and such would always be the case: history is continually repeating itself. The traitor, open and avowed, or underhanded and working in the dark, would alike meet a traitor's doom. This was no threat against the supporters of McClellan, but only the statement of what would befall those among them—and chiefly the leaders—who were working for the destruction of their country, deduced from the unerring teachings of history.

We are assured by gentlemen, men of the highest character, who heard Mr. Blair's speech, that this statement as to its substance is grossly and wilfully false. Still the statement, infamously false as it is, may give some idea of the means by which the abolitionists intend to compass success. Mr. Blair's declarations, even as reported by his organ, are to the effect that any Kentuckians who vote for McClellan will be political and personal sufferers thereby—that they will be marked and punished: but we would ask Blair and his body-guard of a hundred men how and where and to whom the threatened punishment is to be inflicted. And we would ask the nation, a nation that has been noddy and justly proud of its glory and its independence, whether it will deliberately continue in power an Administration, that, confessedly, has no respect for the constitution and the laws or for anything but its own wretched caprice.

☞ Mr. Montgomery Blair, the Lincoln emissary who is making speeches through Kentucky with a travelling body-guard of a hundred soldiers assigned to him by the Federal Government and paid from the Federal Treasury, said in his late speech at Frankfort, according to the Commonwealth's report, that the framers of the Chicago platform "condemn Mr. Lincoln for using all the power the constitution gives him for the suppression of the rebellion." That's a deceptive and fraudulent statement of the case. It seems a pity that Mr. Blair has n't a body-guard of a hundred if not a thousand to guard him against grossly false declarations to the people. Neither the authors of the Chicago platform nor any other conservatives condemn the President for using all the power granted him by the constitution to suppress the rebellion; what we and all other conservatives condemn him for is that he usurps all sorts of power not granted him by the constitution, and that he uses the usurped power not for the suppression of the rebellion but for keeping it alive and in full blast for an indefinite period. The policy of the present Administration can never bring back to us other Union or peace it can have no other effect than to make war eternal, to render more men and more money, heavier taxes and more sweeping drafts, grim and inexorable necessities. By the Lincoln policy, the constitution, in all its parts, is outraged by our authorities daily for rebel benefit.

MORE EVIDENCE.—HOW MONROE WAS ELECTED.—We have before us, says the Indianapolis Sentinel, a letter from a gentleman, dated New Haven Connecticut, Oct. 21, 1864, from which we make the following extract. The gentleman is indorsed to us as entirely reliable, and the fact he communicates goes to corroborate what we have said before. The following is the extract:

Among the one-hundred days men stationed at Indianapolis are several members of the present senior class of Yale College who left their volunteered for that period. A member of the class here has lately received a letter from one of them, in which he states that he, personally, voted under different names six times at the last election, and that one member of his company voted thirty-four times. These are plain facts, startling and outrageous as they are. The voters spoken of are all natives and residents of New England, and had no more right to cast a single vote there than I had.

This is the way Morton swelled his majority in Indianapolis to more than there are legal voters in that city. Of course no one questions the integrity of the officers of an election board that will allow men to vote thirty-four times in ten hours.

Who could repeal the "substitute clause" but the power that enacted it?—*Press.*

Who has said that anybody could? Congress alone indeed, under the old order of things at any rate, could repeal a law, but nowadays whatever legislative measure the Executive determines upon Congress enacts, and the Executive, as the telegraph reports, has determined upon the repeal of the substitute clause. And we have no doubt that it will be repealed, if Mr Lincoln shall be re-elected. His insane policy will require, and he will not fail to extort, all the available blood and treasure of the land, only to break down at last, after long years of war and calamity and desolation, leaving the remnant of the people hopelessly bankrupt and enslaved. It is for the people themselves, now when they are still comparatively solvent and free, when under Providence they yet hold their destiny in their own hands, to say whether this ruinous and guilty policy shall continue or not. This is the momentous question they are required to decide at the ballot-box in a few days.

BILL ANDERSON KILLED.—The following despatch was received at headquarters in St. Louis on Friday evening:

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Oct. 28, 10 P. M.

To Captain Frank Eno, A. A. G.:

Lieutenant-Colonel Cox, 33d E. M. M., with a detachment of that regiment, and some Ray county militia, had a fight with Bill Anderson yesterday at Albany, Ray county. Anderson and seven of his men were killed. Four of our men were severely wounded; none killed.

JAS. CRAIG, Brig.-Gen.

The outlaw chief, the bloodthirsty scoundrel, and the unprincipled leader of a ruffian gang, has a last met his doom. His name has long been a terror to the people of Missouri, and, linked with foul murders and barbarous acts it will descend to posterity. May the accusing forms of the murdered victims appear before the judgment-seat as fearful evidence against a hardened criminal, a corrupt man, and a fiend, to make more dark the final doom of Anderson.

☞ Montgomery Blair will soon be able to give the world a dissertation on the relative value of the infantry and cavalry arms of our service. When the guerillas attacked the train upon which he was travelling from Covington to Lexington, he took a babe from its mother's arms, placed it as a corslet before his breast, and the little wee thing proved his infant-ry escort through the perilous surroundings of the train. But he has since changed his tactics, and now travels with a hundred troopers as a body-guard, to experiment on the advantages of the cavalry arm. We await his opinion with solicitude.

☞ The Editor of the Buffalo Courier asks whether his neighbor of the Commercial would be willing to swear the Andy Johnson oath. Why bless your soul, Courier, he would swear, if necessary, till he was as black in the face as a whole nigger brigade.

☞ It is calculated that three hundred millions of dollars have been paid to soldiers for bounties. Much of this large sum was derived from private munificence to put down the rebellion, but not to war upon the domestic institutions of loyal States.

☞ The Albany Evening Journal says that McClellan balled before Richmond and will fail at the polls. Perhaps he will, if military power shall interfere with him as outrageously and unsuccessfully at the polls as it did before Richmond.

☞ Of Abe don't know a—. He used to "split" even when he was a young man.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1831.

☞ The Albany (N. Y.) Journal, edited by Lincoln's Postmaster, says McClellan had unlimited resources as commander of the Army of the Potomac. Mr Dawson knows that this assertion is untrue. When McClellan was on the eve of sailing for the Peninsula expedition, the President after having assured the General that Blenker's division was to remain with the Army of the Potomac, wrote the following note:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON,
March 31, 1862.

Mr DEAR SIR: This morning I felt constrained to order Blenker's division to Fremont, and I write this to assure you that I did so with great pain, understanding that you would wish it otherwise. If you could know the full pressure of the case, I am confident that you would justify it, even beyond a mere acknowledgment that the Commander-in-chief may order what he pleases. Yours, very truly,

A. LINCOLN.

Major-General MCCLELLAN.

Was this the way to place *unlimited resources* at McClellan's command?

The President, in the afternoon of the same day, gave Gen. McClellan positive and emphatic assurance that he might be confident no more troops beyond those ten thousand should in any event be taken from him, or in any way detached from his command. The next day the General sailed for the Peninsula, leaving for the defence of Washington and its approaches 73,456 men, with one hundred and nine pieces of artillery, and recommended that other troops should at once be ordered forward to reinforce them. He arrived at Fortress Monroe on the evening of the 2d of April, and on the 3d the orders of march were given for the following day. Before Gen. McClellan left Washington an order from the War Department placed Fortress Monroe and all its dependencies under his control, and authorized him to draw 10,000 men from the troops under Gen. Wool, but on the night of the 3d he received a telegram from the Adjutant-General, stating that by the President's order this authority was revoked, and he was forbidden to detach any of Wool's troops without his sanction. This left McClellan with his base of operations not under his own control.

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This extraordinary proceeding was immediately followed by another telegram from the same office.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
April 4, 1862.

By direction of the President, Gen. McDowell's army corps has been detached from the force under your immediate command, and the General is ordered to report to the Secretary of War. Letter by mail.

L. THOMAS, Adjt. Gen'l.

Gen. MCCLELLAN.

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This, with the withdrawal of Blenker's command, on the 31st of March, on account of "pressure," removed nearly 60,000 men from McClellan's command in four days, and reduced his force by more than one third, after its task had been assigned, its operations planned, and its fighting actually commenced at Big Bethel, Howard Bridge, Lee's Mill, and the Warwick river. Gen. McClellan in his report calls this a most discouraging blow; it frustrated all his plans for impending operations; it fell when he was too deeply committed to withdraw; it left him incapable of continuing operations which had been begun; and it compelled the adoption of another, a different, and less effective plan of campaign. It made rapid and brilliant operations impossible. It was a fatal error.

Were these a portion of the *unlimited resources* placed at McClellan's command?

At this time only 53,000 men had joined him. He was compelled to lay siege to Yorktown instead of turning it by way of the York river and West Point. We need not narrate the particulars of the campaign. On May 20th his advance reached the banks of the Chickahominy at Bottom's Bridge. On the 10th he had telegraphed to the Secretary of War asking for reinforcements. On the 11th he sent a despatch to the President, as no answer had been received to his application from the Secretary, explaining that casualties, sickness, guards, and garrisons had weakened his force and rendered it necessary that the War Department should send all its disposable troops to his aid. On May 18th Stanton telegraphed that the President was not willing "to uncover the capital," but that McDowell had been ordered to march against Richmond, and always "to keep him-self in position to save the capital from all possible attack." McDowell was to move with 35,000 or 40,000 men, and Stanton said: "The specific task assigned to his command has been to produce against any danger to the capital of the nation." McClellan was instructed to extend his right wing to obtain communication with McDowell's left, which rendered it necessary for him to leave the James river as a line of operations, and forced him to establish his depots on the Pamunkey. McDowell was to have started from Fredericksburg on the 26th of May, as the President telegraphed to McClellan on the 24th, but in the afternoon of the same day the President again telegraphed as follows:

MAY 24, 1862.—(From Washington, 4 P. M.)

In consequence of General Banks's critical position, I have been compelled to suspend General McDowell's movements to join you. The enemy are making a desperate push upon Harper's Ferry, and we are trying to throw General Fremont's force, and part of General McDowell's, in their rear.

A. LINCOLN, President.

Major-General G. B. MCCLELLAN.

As the order for the co-operation of McDowell was thus suspended and not revoked, McClellan was not at liberty to abandon the northern approach. On the 25th the President telegraphed that he thought the time near when McClellan must either attack Richmond or give up the job and come to the defence of Washington. Gen. McClellan thus left to himself, was harassed by Jackson until Porter defeated the rebels, and then came that long succession of rains which flooded all the bottom lands and rendered operations impossible. Reinforcements were promised, but as often withheld, and finally 5,000 troops reached Harrison's Bar, after the seven days in which McClellan was compelled to change the President's base on the Pamunkey to his old line of the James river. This virtually ended the Peninsular campaign.

We look in vain for *any* resources, to say nothing of *unlimited resources,* being placed at McClellan's command.

We can throughout all the correspondence of the President and Secretary of War see that a craven fear for the capital was the reason why McClellan was not supported as he should have been. From the day he commenced his campaign his army was continually weakened, and on no single occasion was a reinforcement sent until it was too late to be of any service.

☞ Some of the abolition papers suggest that respect to the memory of the late Chief Justice Taney will induce Mr. Lincoln not to use indecent haste in the nomination of his successor. Bah! Such a bait dangled dexterously before greedy aspirants will keep them all loyal to the appointing power until after the 8th of November, but if the selection should be made now the friends of the one successful candidate would be gratified, while those of the score or two of disappointed aspirants might kick out of the traces. Mr. Lincoln is sly, cunning, jocose, unreliable, but his most devoted supporter could never claim that he would have any consideration for the memory of the dead, unless his political prospects could be improved by it. He would like to appoint either Chase or Stanton, but he is as undecided a the donkey between the two bundles of hay.

☞ It is a base fraud in the abolitionists to say that they are for the Union. They are *not* for the Union. They are not for our old and blessed Union or for *any* Union that the nation has ever heard of or seen. They profess to be for some new-fangled thing, that they choose to call "the Union as it ought to be." They repudiate the Union given us by our fathers, and would substitute a device of their own. The word Union should burn their vile tongues like a coal of fire.

☞ The abolitionists say that Gen. McClellan is too young to be President. He is older than he was when the President-at-I Cabinet, in their [illegible], shrieked wildly to him to come and save them and the capital from the rebels.

☞ A friend writes a long letter to say that he does not support Lincoln because he is a Black Republican. This is our deliberate opinion

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1864.

A GREAT REVELATION

DAMNING CONFESSIONS OF A HIGH REPUBLICAN OFFICIAL.

DISMAL FUTURE FOR THE NATION.

HOW THE WAR IS TO BE PROSECUTED IF LINCOLN IS RE-ELECTED.

500 THOUSAND NEGROES TO BE EXTERMINATED.

THE NORTH TO BECOME BANKRUPT AND HALF THE MEN TO BE KILLED OUT.

THE UNION MUST NOT BE RESTORED.

THE REPUBLICAN POLICY DEVELOPED.

The Washington correspondent of the New York World transmit to that journal the subjoined letter with these introductory remarks:

WASHINGTON, October 25.

The following letter has just begun to circulate in political circles here, and has already created intense interest. It is understood to have been written by a gentleman high in the confidence of the Administration. Rumor assigns its authorship to a prominent New Englander; but, in the absence of all proofs, I will not vouch for the truth of the report. It will be seen that the revelations it contains are of an exceedingly exciting character.

[COPY.]

WASHINGTON, October 5.

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND: I have been trying for over a month to answer your letter of August 16th, yet in vain. Happily for me, you know what are my relations to the Government, and how fully occupied my time must be in a crisis like the present. Yet you do not know all. Imagine me four times as busy as I was when you were here last year, and you will form some faint idea of the press of business that is now upon me. Notwithstanding all this, I cannot refrain from writing you, both to settle that matter about which you write, and, if I can spare the time, to respond to your kind inquiry for my views upon the questions of the day. And first as to that private matter.

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You ask for my views upon the Presidential election and the policy of the Administration. I think there is little doubt of the re-election of Mr. Lincoln. Even should he lack the requisite number of votes—which I consider very improbable—you know what other agencies can be employed to secure his retention in office. I am sure we will agree in the opinion that a usurper, because of the natural hostility of the others to consult the wishes of the powers that be, in order that they may obtain promotion and preferment. All this is as plain as daylight.

As regards the policy of the Administration during the next four years, I hardly believe that the people of the Union party, and certainly not the masses of the people, have the slightest idea of what is before us. It may grate harshly upon your ears, but it is, nevertheless, my firm conviction that to prosecute this war as it should be prosecuted, nay, as it inevitably will be, *it must be waged for the complete extermination of the adult population of the States in rebellion,* from mere infants to mothers and grandmothers. Look with me at the history of the war—even more extensive wars in Europe of thrice its duration. At the beginning of the conflict the Administration was obviously restricted to the choice between two different policies—viz.: (1) CONCILIATION, and (2) ARBITRARY AND EXTERMINATING. Any half-way policy was sure to result unhappily. The Democrats, with their ardent love of slavery, and their former political affiliations with the slaveocracy, undoubtedly did adopt the proper policy for their purposes.

Had the war been prosecuted, as they urged, simply to restore the Union and save slavery with it, there is no doubt but that we would now be at peace, and that the Rebel power would be reinstated in its old place of power in the Federal Union. But this you know would not suit the members of our party. We could have had all that before the war began if we had chosen to assent to the propositions adopted by the Peace Convention. I do not know as history will justify our course, but it is clear that had we assented to that compromise, the Peace Convention we would have had no political future. We are but human, and self-preservation is as much a law of politics as of nature. We are certainly responsible for the war, and, for one, I am not afraid to meet the results which seem certain to be accomplished by it. Yet, my dear friend, I am almost appalled when I try to forecast the future, and realize the awful consequences that will, as a nation, will have to undergo before we can enter the promised land of freedom. This generation will not see that land; but while we tramp through the wilderness, in which we now are, the next generation will enter into the better land, and in a more perfect Union will reap the benefits of our toils and sufferings.

Could you have seen, as I have seen, the war upon the Southern people—not upon their property, but upon themselves. Perhaps you will better comprehend my meaning if I were to arrange in tabular form the proportion of Union sentiment in 1861 and the probable proportion there at the present time. The table, compiled from such information as comes to my memory as I write, would stand thus:

	1861.			1864.	
	Union.	Disunion.	Indiff.	Union.	Rebel.
N. Carolina	⅔	⅓	—	¼	¾
Virginia	⅓	⅔	—	1-10	9-10
S. Carolina	—	⅔	⅓	none.	unan.
Georgia	⅓	⅔	—	—	unan.
Alabama	⅓	⅔	—	1-20	19-20
Louisiana	⅓	⅔	—	none.	unan.
Mississippi	⅓	⅔	—	1-20	19-20
Tennessee	⅔	⅓	—	½	½
Texas	⅓	⅔	—	1-20	19-20
Arkansas	⅓	⅔	—	1-12	11-12
Missouri	⅔	⅓	—	¼	¾
Florida	⅓	⅔	—	1-10	9-10
Kentucky	9-10	1-10	—	¾	¼

If you will take the trouble to collect these fractions, you will find that according to them the Union people in the South in 1861 comprised three and seven-tenths per cent or nearly half of the whole population, while now they form but thirteen and six-tenths per cent of the population. This tells a strange tale. It shows that the war, so far as relates to restoring the old Union, is a conspicuous failure, and has managed to convert the old Unionists into armed rebels. We have gained in territory, we have secured important strategic positions, and yet are not to whatever commerce the South may have had; but at the same time we have thoroughly alienated the hearts of its people from ourselves and from the old Union which we both once professed to love. This is a natural result of the policy which we urged upon the Government, and which it at last adopted. The removal of Buell and McClellan because of their belief in the loyalty of the Southern population, and the infusion of a more stringent policy, had the proper effect on the army. Instead of treating the Southerners as misguided friends to be won back to an old love, they were instructed to treat them as enemies, for such they were to the great principles of freedom, if not to the Union itself. Hence it is that wherever our armies have marched they have made enemies of those whom they found to be friends. Take the case of Tennessee for example. When our troops first entered Nashville, and, still later, Knoxville, the Unionists in the State gave a rapturous welcome to the dear old flag and the men under whose protection it had been borne to their State. How changed is all this now! They who, under the rule of Jeff Davis and his crew sighed for the return of the old Union, and waited long and patiently for the gleam of Federal bayonets, gathering mean while a system of oppression that beggars description—these men and women are to-day the bitterest rebels in the South. Jeff Davis has now no warmer allies than these people. And if a rebel invasion of East Tennessee should ever be practicable, it is safe to predict that the old unconditional Unionists, and followers of Andy Johnson and Parson Brownlow, would give the Confederate troops a welcome warmer than that which they gave our soldiers at the first.

The Shenandoah Valley is another case to the point. Gentlemen who accompanied General Banks on the first expedition up the valley state that the inhabitants, as a general thing, were not hostile to the Union. The active young men were mostly rebels, but the great majority of the residents were either indifferent as to the result of the contest or warmly devoted to the cause of the Union. To-day it is doubtful whether a single Unionist can be found south of Winchester, and so bitterly hostile are the people that it is unsafe for any but a very large army to march any distance without being utterly destroyed by the resident farmers in the guise of guerillas. Even on the road from Washington to Richmond, which our armies have traversed again and again, there is the same state of affairs. The two hundred thousand Union braves, who have made the soil of Virginia more sacred than it ever was before they sacrificed their lives to rescue it from the grasp of secession, are no protection to the opponents of rebeldom. Not a spot but is infested by guerillas, and hardly does our army move before the rebel fiends appear in its rear to murder whom they can. I do not call this Union sentiment.

Now, my friend, what is the result of all this? Shall we give up the war? By no means. Shall we change our policy? That is no longer possible. Shall we surrender the government to the pro-slavery Democrats? Forbid it, Heaven! We have had enough of slavery and of slave-hunters. What, then, is the course that we must adopt? I answer deliberately, and in full view of all the facts before me, that we must adopt the policy that Cromwell proposed for Ireland, and which would have saved that unhappy country from years of misery and horror. *He must exterminate the adult population of the South.* Cromwell wanted to depopulate Ireland of its adults and substitute Englishmen and Scotchmen. *He was right.* It would have been a wise, humane, way, more, a *Christian* policy, if he had slain every man, woman, and child on that bright Emerald Isle, and so got rid of the priest-ridden race which cursed it. Such a policy would have made Ireland a rival to its head of a dependent upon England, and a consolidator in place of an impediment to the prosperity of Great Britain.

Are our people prepared to face the contingency? Are you, my good friend? To *subjugate* the people of the South is an ugly necessity. Like the Indians, they would rather die than be enslaved. *So die and disappear they must.* The great powers of Europe have been for two hundred years trying to conquer Poland. Sas grande ready to begin a revolution to-morrow. The great Russian empire was built by the [illegible]

POLITICAL FUTURE FOR THE NATION.—The Judge who, to avoid conflict with military power or to favor a political party or from timidity, refuses the aid of the law in protecting the freedom of a citizen, is, in the eye of morality, or according to any proper conception of patriotic duty, as base a delinquent as the officer who, for reward or from cowardice, betrays a military post to the enemy.

The member of Congress who aids or connives at usurpation of power is as treacherous to his country as the sentinel who aids or connives at the entrance of the enemy into the camp he is placed to guard.

The President who usurps power or abuses power to persecute his fellow-citizens, proves a want of all proper sense of the obligation of his official oath and official duty, whilst committing as base moral treason as an officer can perpetrate.

Washington and Madison, whilst conducting the nation through two wars, always "scrupulously obeyed the law." They were too well imbued with the knowledge and love for the principles of liberty to attempt usurpation. They never forgot that it was their highest duty to teach, by their example, obedience to the law. With such examples before him, silent must be his mind and low his ambition who would sublimate the

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1864.

CURRENCY AND LEGAL TENDER.—"Ours was intended to be a hard-money government." So said an eminent expounder of the constitution, and history confirms what he said. The original draft of the constitution, like the Articles of Confederation, gave Congress power "to emit bills of credit," which, as interpreted by history and the Supreme Court, was power to create a paper-money currency based on the credit of the government. After mature deliberation and elaborate discussion, the convention struck out the power by a vote of nine to two. The only analogous power granted was that to coin money and regulate the value of foreign coin. This far inferior power was not left to be inferred as a necessary incident to the great comprehensive power to regulate commerce, and of course the so much larger, more important power to make paper-money currency cannot be inferred as an incident to that or any other granted power, even if the action of the convention did not disprove any such intention.

When Congress has regulated the value of coin, the law of the contract gives an all-sufficient tender law, and there is little or no need for any other to secure or regulate the right of tender. The power in no form is given to Congress, not even to make coin a legal tender. It is inferrable, from the prohibition upon the States "to make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts," that part of the power, all that could possibly be needed for any proper purpose, was intentionally left with the States, where nearly the whole subject of contracts was left, and where this, like all else pertaining to contracts, appropriately belonged. To infer a concurrent power in Congress on such a subject would mar the symmetry of the constitution, the special purpose of its framers having been to eliminate everything like collision or conflict of power between the Federal and State governments.

If the power to make paper money were conceded, and the making of it a legal tender were *necessary* to its better circulation, still it would have to be shown that the making of it such was a "*proper*" incident to the power. This cannot be done. The power to rob citizens or dishonor the nation can never be a proper incident to any power.

No honest man will say that a power to raise forced loans is a proper incident to the power to borrow money. Yet, worse is done when the creditor is forced to take a third or a half in discharge of his whole demand, because the forced loan is accompanied by a government promise, express or implied, to refund, whereas no such promise is given to the robbed creditor. Reduced to its pure elements, it is plain robbery of the private citizen for the fancied benefit of the paper-money experiment, to the injury of the national honor and credit.

Besides, the power to make paper money being itself a mere inferred incident to some granted power, to allow this as an incident to that would be to permit a piling of incident upon incident to the utter destruction of the limitation of power intended by a careful specification of all powers intended to be granted.

According to the inexorable law of trade, the doubling or trebling of a full currency always doubles or trebles prices. This has been the experience of all countries, and to none has it been a more costly experience than our own. It has therefore been a long-settled policy of European governments to meet the pecuniary emergency during war by sale of government bonds at any reasonable discount rather than by an inflation of the currency. That discount is only one loss, whereas trebling the cost of government supplies causes much larger loss in the first instance, and it is a loss which is repeated from year to year for every year the war lasts. The inflation policy more than doubles or trebles the needful cost of the war.

Borrowing being the only means for carrying on the war, the necessity for keeping up the value of government bonds should have occurred to every one presuming to control the national finances. To that end a market for them in Europe should have been sought. Instead of this or any other rational effort to keep up the value of the bonds, the most efficacious means were used for putting it down by resort to an inflated, depreciated currency. The excuse for this, according to newspaper discussion, was that an excess of depreciated currency was necessary, as they express it, "to float the loan." It is very strange that there should not have been at the head of our finances that modicum of sagacity necessary to knowing that a thing which is itself constantly *sinking* should not be relied on to *float* anything else.

The sinking of the currency has so sunk the bonds and the national credit that it is much to be feared that a loan in Europe is no longer practicable. Instead of doing anything to extricate us from this unfortunate condition by a reduction of the currency, the empirics are seeking to increase the mischief by a further inflation, through a swarm of new banks of issue. This is done in disregard of the abundant experience of this country and France during their respective revolutions, and of the present experience of the Southern States, that, after a certain point of depreciation in the currency, its holders will cease to fund in government bonds, preferring the chance of shifting off the currency to that of profitably using the bonds after government credit as to both is destroyed.

It seems to be conceded now by even the Administration press, or at least by the more intelligent and respectable part, that the enormous extra prices which the people have to pay for all the necessaries and comforts of life, over the necessary result of depreciation in the currency, is a part and vastly the largest part of the tax they have to pay toward supporting the war. This too though the government gets no benefit whatever from that tax. It is a penalty the people are made to pay for a financial blunder. To those who depend on fixed incomes or wages the inflation of the currency causes an indirect tax to the full amount of the depreciation, which is much heavier than would be an income tax of thirty per cent.

This specimen of abolition skill in financiering may be compared to that notable financial discovery made by President Lincoln, and with which he enlightened the world in a message to Congress, when he said: "Certainly it is not so easy to pay *something* as it is to pay *nothing*; but it is easier to pay a *large* sum than it is to pay a *larger* one. And it is easier to pay any sum when we are able, than it is before we are able." This brilliant financial discovery, if it does not enlarge our national renown for wisdom, ought at least to warn the nation against ever again installing *a bad joke* in the Presidency. It all ways Mr. Lincoln assuredly has proved himself to be a very costly as well as a very bad joke.

☞The Press says the position of the Journal after the fall of Sumter was determined upon without reference to the Address of the Union State Committee. To be sure it was; the point we made was not that we derived our position from the Address of the Committee, but that our position was indorsed by the Address, and by the people of the Commonwealth at the polls. Our allusion to the relative date of the Address was merely descriptive not argumentative. But when did the Press ever catch a point that was not thrust into it?

The Press says it has been informed on what it considers good authority that a portion of those whose signatures are attached to the Address never saw it until after it was published. We believe this is true of two members of the Committee, both of whom, however, subsequently adopted the Address, and neither of whom was the founder and manager of the Press whose name we mentioned the other day. He signed the Address with his own hand. The information of the Press has consequently no significance in the case.

The Press says it has also heard it intimated that the Address itself was in good part written by one of the Editors of the Journal. We have no disposition to shirk responsibility of any kind. The Address was written wholly by one of the Editors of the Journal. What of it? The authorship of the Address is an immaterial point. The Address was adopted by the Committee, and indorsed by the people at the polls. Those indisputable facts constitute the material point.

The Press, in now raving about the position laid down in the Address, acts like a slavering idiot, who spits in the wind, only to be smeared with his own slobber. We advise the keepers of the driveller to look after it.

☞It is said that Sherman and Hood were for a time "marching in parallel lines." But there was no parallel between them.

BARBAROUS.—On Wednesday a small gang of outlaws favored the people of Rocky Hill, a little station on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, with their distinguished presence. After making a quiet survey of matters, they came to the conclusion that to plunder the houses would scarcely pay them for the trouble. A box car was standing on the side track of the railroad, and this furnished the scoundrels with the means of carrying a devilish idea into execution. A negro man was made a prisoner, thrust into the car, the doors closed and locked, and the box set on fire. The demons stood by, watched the burning of the car, heard the wild, agonizing shrieks of their victim, and clapped their hands with delight. As soon as the car was consumed, and the negro burned to death, the outlaws mounted their horses and hastily departed from the scene. Such diabolical acts are a disgrace to a civilized age, and show how brutal in feeling men become when they yield to the demoralizing influences of a roving, pilfering life, and a savage, guerilla warfare. Such scoundrels are unfit to live, and equally unfit to die. The sooner that they are wiped from earth, no matter how, the better it will prove for a moral age, a civilized community, and the cause of humanity. They should have shuddered at the thought of so cruel a death for a beast, yea even a reptile, let alone a being—human—with the form of themselves, the image of their God. But no! they manifested a maniac's delight in the torture, and smiled with fiendish satisfaction as the fearful shrieks of their victims made hideous the air. They were not men, but cowards—devils in human forms.

Since writing the above, we have been furnished with additional details:

At Rocky Hill Station, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, fifteen miles this side of Bowling Green, Wednesday evening about 3 o'clock about twenty-five guerillas came in, ent down the telegraph post, and burned the boarding cars belonging to the construction train. William Fox, of the 6th Kentucky cavalry, was there on a visit to his mother and sister. The guerillas first asked him to surrender, when he handed them his pistol. They then asked him for his money, and he gave them that. One of them cried out, then, "Kill the son of a b—h!" His mother then exclaimed, "O spare my son, spare him, he will go with you anywhere." One of the gang, evidently for the purpose of saving the young man's life, started with him toward the woods, when his more blood thirsty comrades ran along side of the victim and fairly riddled him with bullets, in the presence of his mother and sister, whose prayers and entreaties were answered with curses and derision.

ABOLITION DIPLOMACY.—The Trent affair proves either gross ignorance in the assertion of absurd pretensions not warranted by the law of nations or a dastardly betrayal of national honor by the sudden surrender of those pretensions at the first growl of the British lion.

The kidnapping extradition of Arguelles was a usurpation of power to inflict another stain on the nation's honor, by violating the cherished right of asylum, so universally recognized among civilized nations, and heretofore so earnestly asserted by our own. It was a foul thing done in an illegal, disgraceful manner.

It is the undoubted prerogative of either House of Congress to keep careful watch over our foreign relations, and give expression to such opinions concerning them as the national interest may seem to require. The House of Representatives was acting legitimately within this prerogative when reannouncing and reaffirming the "Monroe doctrine," for the purpose of influencing the action of France in Mexico.

The conduct of the President and his Cabinet, in their attempted effort to soothe the apprehended resentment of the French Emperor at that action, was a disgraceful betrayal to a foreign court of the want of harmony in our own councils—a treacherous, not to say treasonable, promise of aid in counteracting a policy unanimously proclaimed by the representatives of the nation—a ridiculous assumption of exclusive control over our foreign relations—a pusillanimous truckling to the apprehended displeasure of a foreign potentate—a national degradation in the opinion of all Europe—an attempt or treasonable promise to thwart the well-known national will on a great question of policy affecting the whole American continent now and in the long future—a full proof, if any such were needed, of the want of intelligence on the part of the Administration, and of its want of needful moral stamina for the proper discharge of the duties of the Executive Department of the government.

☞If thousands of soldiers voted in this State on Tuesday last, who were not legally entitled to vote, it were better, provided they voted the Union (abolition) ticket, than for the election to have been carried by the opponents of the Administration. The contest was squarely between the Government (Lincoln) and the rebels (McClellan Democrats). The end justifies the means in such an issue. It were better that half a dozen Massachusetts regiments should vote than that the State should fall into the hands of the opponents of the Administration. Does any one think that the Administration is going to allow the State of Indiana to fall into the hands of its enemies? Is a blue like this? The contest is a national one. The soldiers are in the national service, and if they can be used in the rear to gain a victory, which is quite as important as a victory at the front and in the field, why not do it?—*Cincinnati Gazette, Oct.* 17.

We have not the patience fitly to characterize this admission. We simply ask our readers to note it as the flower and consummation of abolition partyism. The man who penned the paragraph would lie or steal or assassinate without reluctance and without compunction. O that some power would make him run the gantlet of mankind,

> And put in every honest hand a whip,
> To lash the rascal naked through the world.

To prevent ill-feeling among semi-rebels, the Louisville Journal opposes a draft, but would invite Peter those who would fight on the rebel side, if compelled to fight at all, should stay at home undisturbed and unite with it in the effort to elect McClellan.—*Wash. Chronicle.*

The Administration semi-organ doesn't tell the truth. It tells a falsehood. We have no opposed the draft. We have advocated it as right and necessary. We have asked that its work should be thorough. And, furthermore, we have earnestly insisted, that, after men are drafted, measures should be taken to secure their service or that of their substitutes, instead of leaving them perfectly free to go voluntarily into the rebel Confederacy or perfectly exposed to be taken off, without their own consent, by swarming guerillas.

We repeat our declaration, that this last draft in Kentucky, from the neglect to adopt proper precautions in regard to the drafted men, has added more strength to the rebel than to the Federal forces. Was there no way of guarding against so wretched a result?

MURDER—RETALIATION.—On Tuesday night last Sue Mundy's gang of cutthroats surrounded the house of Mr. Harper, two miles south of Midway, made the old gentleman a prisoner, and, without the slightest provocation, murdered their victim in the most cowardly and brutal manner. Mr. Harper was a Union man, and this was the only excuse the outlaws gave for the perpetration of the inhuman outrage. It does seem that Sue Mundy is lost to every womanly instinct, her heart wholly corrupted, and her nature fiendish, for she rejoices in acts of cold blood and every species of crime. On Wednesday four guerillas, captured in Kentucky, by order of Gen. Burbridge, were sent from the prison at Lexington, under guard of a file of soldiers, to Mr. Harper's residence, near Midway, and there shot to death, in retaliation for the murder committed on Tuesday night. We have not been furnished with the names of the men who were shot on Wednesday.

☞The New York Times complains bitterly that, if General McClellan is elected, Mr. Lincoln, for the four months prior to his successor's going into office, "will have responsibility without power, official position without moral influence, an administrative charge, and yet no available policy." Very well, very well indeed: 'tis better that Lincoln should for a brief period have "responsibility without power," than that he should have power and wield it exclusively for evil; better that he should, for a little while, have "official position without influence" than that he should have influence and exercise it for the annihilation of the constitution and the laws; better that he should have "an administrative charge and yet no available policy" than that he should have an available policy tending only to stretch out the war indefinitely and render the restoration of the Union an impossibility.

☞Let not the President forget that the whole people are taxed for his support. There's not a tax-payer in the nation but has paid for and consequently owns a part of the meat on his bones.

CONSPIRACIES AND WHIPPERS.—If we were to believe all we have heard from Indiana recently, we should have a very poor opinion of our country, for every other man in the Northwest, and, indeed, a large majority of that section, are denounced as secret conspirators against the government, and in league with the rebellion. That these charges should have been deferred until the eve of the election is a circumstance open to the gravest suspicion. But the Republican party is not clear from a very decided taint of conspiracy. The New York Journal of Commerce says that facts are daily coming to light in regard to the existence of a formidable secret political organization, permeating all grades of society, and having for its object purposes believed to be revolutionary in their tendency, which give rise to grave apprehensions among those interested in the preservation of social order and legitimate government. For several months past, despite the binding obligation of oaths, these facts have been divulged, through inadvertence or through the disaffection of members of the order, till now there is sufficient ground for thorough investigation. The organization to which we refer is in the Republican party. We fear that substantial evidence can be adduced to prove that it possesses a military character inconsistent with our form of government and inimical to republican liberty. As a part of this testimony we repeat the following extract from a secret circular of the Union League of America, State of New York, from the Executive Committee rooms at Syracuse:

> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROOMS,)
> U. L. OF A., STATE OF NEW YORK, (
> August 15, 1864.)
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> *Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend and urge upon the subordinate councils *to organize military companies within their several bodies, to arm and drill with the utmost diligence, and with great caution*, that no necessary occasion of offence be given our enemies.
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> By the State Council.
> ISAAC M. SCHERMERHORN, Pres't.
> OLIVER T. BEARD, Secretary.

Next in order we give the action of the Grand National Council at Washington, upon the adoption, for the use of members of Loyal Leagues throughout the United States, of a private alarm signal, to be used in cases of danger or in any emergency:

> GRAND NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER,)
> U. L. OF A., WASHINGTON, D. C., (
> March 15, 1864.)
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> DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the Executive Committee of this League, held in Washington, February 5th, 1864, the Signal Whistle submitted by Messrs. ——, was unanimously approved as the signal of the Order, and is hereby recommended as such.
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> The Grand President and the National Executive Committee have arranged with the proprietors of the patent for this invention, Messrs. ——, for the full and exclusive control thereof, and have taken satisfactory bonds that it shall be furnished only to members of the league, and to those only through the proper officers.
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> The sound is so distinct and peculiar that it can be heard at a great distance and readily distinguished. It is intended *to be used only in cases of danger, when help is essential, or in any emergency requiring a prompt gathering of the members of the order.*
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> J. M. EDMUNDS, G. P.
>
> W. R. IRWIN, G. R. S.

Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Irwin, we are informed, hold important offices in the departments in Washington city. We also publish in this connection the following circular from the office of the manufacturers of the private signal, in New York city:

> OFFICE OF ——, No. — STREET, N. Y.
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> SIR: The Signal Whistle adopted by the Grand National Council, U. L. of A., and for which Letters Patent of the United States is now ordered to issue, is represented in the following engraving:
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> [Here is an engraved representation of the whistle, well executed.]
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> It will be seen to consist of two distinct barrels, each of which is a perfect whistle, though so combined as to be sounded by a single effort of the lips, and so constructed, with reference to each other, that the sound produced will be of such peculiar character that it can be readily recognized and be distinguished from any other, while, at the same time, it cannot be imitated by any other known instrument.
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> By an arrangement with the Executive Committee of the Grand Council, the proprietors of the patent have *entered into bonds* that none of the instruments shall be furnished to any other than *members of the League*, and to those only through *the proper officers*.
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> Orders from Councils will be supplied and delivered at any place at the uniform rate of one dollar each, when the order is signed by the proper official of a State, Territorial, or local Council, stating address and No. of Council, is accompanied by the cash (funds current in New York City). Very respectfully.

The Journal of Commerce understands that the contract between the central authority at Washington and a manufacturing firm in New York was for an amount equal to many thousand dollars, heavy bonds being required and given in the presence of competent witnesses. This firm obtained from Washington, through their agents, a list of all the Loyal Leagues in this country, with the number of officers, members, &c. Large numbers of the instruments described above were accordingly made.

We apprehend that our New York contemporary looks upon this matter too gravely. We think these whistles are provided to keep abolition courage up. The blowing about conspiracies from Indianapolis has had no visible effect upon the pulsations of the great public heart, and now every member of the Union League is to have a penny whistle, and upon election day they are to raise such an ululation as will frighten the Union Democracy out of their boots. Queer fish these Republicans, but the whistle-fish belongs to the codfish aristocracy of the shoddyites. We kindly advise them in the language of Ben Franklin: "Don't give too much for the whistle!"

THE REBELS ABOUT PADUCAH.—The Cairo Democrat of Tuesday is informed by parties from Paducah that the rebels are hovering about that place. General Meredith has retained seven steamboats at the landing to be used in case of emergency. The citizens are still in arms, and are kept at work on the fortifications. All the stores of the place have been emptied and the goods shipped to Vincennes or Cairo. It was reported on Monday that a detachment sent out by Gen. Merritt a few days previous encountered the rebels and had a fight, the result of which had not been ascertained up to Friday night. The town is kept in perfect readiness for an attack, and it is thought if the rebels show themselves in the immediate vicinity they will meet with a warm reception. It is reported that the raiders are under command of Forrest, whose whereabouts is not definitely known, and that they are the same body who have recently threatened Columbus and made demonstrations on the river below that point. Startling news may be expected from the vicinity of Paducah at any moment, since there is little doubt of there being a strong rebel force in that section of the State.

REBEL PRISONERS.—For the month of October the following number of prisoners were received at the Military Prison in this city, and forwarded by Captain Jones to various camps North:

Privates	1,130
Non-commissioned Officers	152
Line or Company Officers	47
Field Officers	7
Political Prisoners	16
Total	1,352

Owing to the fact of General Sherman having effected an exchange of a large number of prisoners in the early part of the month, the receipts and the transfers in Louisville for October are lighter than usual. This table includes nearly all the prisoners forwarded from General Sherman's front. A majority of the captures made in Eastern Kentucky and East Tennessee are received in Lexington, and from there forwarded North via Cincinnati.

GUERILLAS AT ALLENSVILLE.—On the night of October 31st, another raid was made on the little village of Allensville, on the Memphis Branch Railroad, between Russellville and Clarksville. The guerilla band numbered fifty men, and the several stores of the place were robbed of goods valued at twelve thousand dollars. Mr Mart estimates his loss at $5,000, Mr. Gill places his at $3,000, while Mr. Gormley's will not fall short of $3,500. Other parties were robbed of smaller amounts. The merchants of Allensville, in the past few months, have been very unfortunate, as the guerillas have plundered their stores some four or five different times. The country is overrun by outlaw bands

It is expensive to get sick; there's a Lincoln tax upon sickness. It is expensive to be in health; there's a Lincoln tax on health. It is expensive to die; there's a Lincoln tax on death.—*Louisville Journal.*

But the Journal has one consolation left. There is no tax on lying.

Washington Chronicle.

That is because the party that does the lying does the taxing.

An artist reveals to us in a pen-and-ink sketch all that will be left of our friend McClellan on the 9th of November—a pair of boots and spurs.

N. Y. Tribune.

All that Greeley should have of any gentleman is his boots.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1864.

FINAL APPEAL OF THE CAMPAIGN.

ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: It no longer admits of a doubt that the unscrupulous supporters of the present incumbent of the Presidential chair have determined to employ for his re-election to that high office a system of violence and fraud unknown before in our history.

They thereby admit that his honest, legal re-election is impossible. Thereby they already confess defeat.

The polling of every Democratic and conservative vote in the loyal States will make his re-election, even by violence and fraud, impossible. We beseech and exhort you to let nothing whatever prevent your casting that vote.

In the State of Indiana, Administration majorities have been manufactured by the indecent exhibition of thousands of illegal votes.

In Maryland, military force has been used to silence the Democratic press, and the Federal Government has dictated the institutions of a State.

In Tennessee, the Republican candidate for the Vice-Presidency, holding, by the appointment and at the pleasure of the President, a pro-consular office unknown to any law of Congress, has assumed the armed control of polls commanded by him to be opened, and the President of the United States, appealed to by the free citizens of that State to right such wrongs, has treated that appeal with coarse contempt.

Last of all, the legal right of the soldiers of the Republic freely to join with their fellow-citizens in the choice of a national Chief Magistrate is menaced and made a mockery. Their camps, thrown open to the political agents of the Administration, are sought to be closed to the legal representatives of the Democracy, under pretexts which leading organs of the Republican party find themselves compelled to denounce as insulting to the common sense of the nation. The mails are violated to seize the votes that have been cast against him, and to place his own ballots in their stead; and when it had been discovered that the votes of the army, which our candidate first organized and led to victory, were cast in great majority for their old commander, a plot was contrived to seize their votes, arrest the agents who had collected them, under pretence of punishing frauds which can only be discovered by inspectors of election with their poll-lists before them, which could only be committed and completed there, and which can justly be punished only under the stringent laws and by the officers of the States themselves.

In the presence of this odious and unexampled spectacle, the Democratic National Committee call upon all, of whatever name or party creed, lovers of liberty and the Union, now more truly than ever before "one and inseparable," to put forth all their strength in one final and triumphant effort for the salvation of both.

Wielding the most gigantic system of official patronage and corruption which the world has ever seen, the Administration, in what ever direction it turns, finds itself confronted by impending defeat.

Its open complicity in acts of fraud and violence is a full confession that Abraham Lincoln's re-election cannot be accomplished by an honest appeal to the unbought will of a nation of freemen.

By such an appeal the re-election of Abraham Lincoln can yet be prevented in spite of fraud and violence. Such an appeal the Democratic National Committee now make to their fellow-citizens in all the States, but more especially to the thousands of true and loyal men who, in Maryland, in Indiana, in Ohio, in Kentucky, and in Missouri, now suffering in their persons, their feelings, and their property, from the reckless usurpations of the Executive and the chartered tyranny of his commissioned agents, have almost despaired of the republic.

The Democracy never despairs of the republic!

The party whose successive triumphs have marked the stages of the nation's greatness, triumphant now, can rescue the nation from the ruin wrought by the conspiracy of rebels at the South and fanatics at the North;—can restore to her liberty and order and law; and plant her feet securely in the paths of republican empire.

The day-star of victory rose with the elections of September in Maine. The subsiding deluge of fanaticism will once more bare the granite peaks of New Hampshire to the sunshine of liberty. The State of John Stark and Daniel Webster will give her vote in November to the Union and the Constitution, to McClellan and Pendleton.

Connecticut, the ancestral home of our noble candidate, led by the spirits of a Trumbull, a Sherman, and an Ellsworth, pledges herself, by a clean majority in November, to assist in the salvation of the Republic.

Beyond peradventure is the result in the Empire State, in Pennsylvania, and in New Jersey. There will be no break in the front of this great triple column in the grand army of the Union. The Keystone State redeemed herself in October. In November she will lead the redemption of the nation. New Jersey stands where she has ever stood, in war and in peace alike, true to the Union, the Constitution, and the Law.

The decisive vote of New York, at the Chicago Convention, gave to the cause of the Union its candidate. In November the decisive vote of New York will herald the proclamation of that candidate as President of the Union, which, "at all hazards," he has sworn to preserve.

Gallant little Delaware, Maryland tried, tempted, but alike unterrified and unseduced; and Kentucky, are surely with us.

Sparring with an equal scorn the treason and the tyranny which have once more made her rich and rural plains "a dark and bloody ground," the State of Kentucky stamps her proud foot, and swears she will be free.

Missouri, four years ago the garden-spot of the further West, an empire in her teeming future, to-day our Mexico, ravaged in all her length and breadth by invaders and oppressors—what hope has Missouri given in the triumph of a soldier who can guard her borders, and of a statesman who can respect her will? Missouri will give her vote to the Union and the Constitution, to McClellan and Pendleton.

Illinois will stand by her sister of the Mississippi. Her vote is secure for the cause in which so many thousand of her sons have bled on a hundred battle-fields. The "Soldier State" of the West will have no more of Abraham Lincoln.

The fact that Indiana suffers under the rule of a Governor just re-elected to office by the most stupendous combination of political fraud with military force, cannot shake our confidence in that noble State which has carried the banner of Democracy triumphantly through many hard-fought battles.

In the elections of October, nearly forty thousand fraudulent votes, given to the Republican candidates, turned our legal victory there into an illegal defeat. It is not probable that these frauds can be repeated upon so colossal a scale in November, and, if they be not so repeated, Indiana will, beyond a question, go for McClellan and Pendleton.

It is impossible, too, that the States lying around the head-waters of the great river of the continent should not vote to open the needful markets for their crops and their necessary highway to the seas.

Even from the Peninsular State, Michigan (so strongly runs the patriotic and national tide), our friends send us words of cheer, and bid us hope that the home of Lewis Cass, misrepresented so long in the national Congress by a Senator who longed for a "little blood-letting," may set itself right with the Union by a sound majority for McClellan and Pendleton.

The tide will roll to the shores of the Pacific—California and Oregon, bound to all our hearts and hearth-stones by "the mystic chords of memory," can have nothing in common with the party whose leaders would fain long since have severed them from the Union. All that we hear from those golden cradles of empire promises us their voice and vote in November for our candidates and our cause.

With such signs and omens of victory, with the glorious recollections of the past, and the promises not less glorious of the future to cheer us, what true man can now dare to falter or fail in this crisis of our national fate?

Fellow-citizens! the peaceful remedy of such wrongs as Americans throughout all time to come shall blush to remember could be done in the sacred name of liberty upon American soil is now within your reach.

The glorious and honorable termination of a war whose victories are all unharvested, since they have not been garnered together with the victories of peace, is now within your reach.

An end to the accumulation of a limitless debt, already mortgaging half the resources and the industries of a great people, is now within your reach.

The triumphant restoration of that magnificent national temple which our fathers reared to freedom and to justice is now within your reach.

The madness of the men in power is an argument for more than hope. It is the homage of desperate ambitions to the gathering power of the people's will. The dread hand-writing which they read upon the wall bids you press forward with decisive energy to the certain triumph now within your reach and grasp.

It is not much that your country now asks of you; but all that you hold dear, all that you have or can hope to have of liberty, of peace, of prosperity, depends upon your giving to your country what your country now asks—wisdom to see your duty, courage to do it.

With you, under a benignant Providence, it rests, to determine by your votes on the 8th of November the death or the life of the noblest republic ever established among men.

AUGUST BELMONT, Chairman.
FREDERICK O. PRINCE, Secretary.

☞The political stock in trade of the abolition party in this canvass consists almost wholly in the calumny that the result of the action of the Chicago Convention was a compromise between the conservative party or Union Democracy of the country, wherein the former got the candidate for the Presidency, and the latter got the platform and the candidate for the Vice-Presidency! This assumption is what we have called it. It is a calumny—a false accusation maliciously made—a lie told for the purpose of defeating McClellan and of electing Lincoln. It is nothing more or less. This fact we have established decisively and repeatedly in our columns. No well-informed man of the slightest candor indeed has ever believed the wretched slander. But the action of the Peace Convention at Cincinnati the other day affords a very fitting opportunity to renew the oft repeated exposure of this blackest of party lies.

Before we refer to the action of this convention, however, we will remind our readers that General McClellan's Letter of Acceptance, which the partisans of Mr. Lincoln dare not openly assail, and which received the moment it appeared the unanimous and enthusiastic approval of the Democracy of the country, *is the authoritative construction of the Chicago Platform*; and that the previous record and subsequent avowals of Mr. Pendleton *place him side by side with General McClellan.* This our readers well know, but the present occasion invites the reminder. The noble declarations of General McClellan are ringing in the ear of every patriot. "*The existence of more than one government over the region which once owned our flag*," declares General McClellan in his letter of acceptance, "*is incompatible with the peace, the power, and the happiness of the people.*" "THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNION IN ALL ITS INTEGRITY," he says in the same letter, "IS AND MUST CONTINUE TO BE THE INDISPENSABLE CONDITION IN ANY SETTLEMENT." "If a frank, earnest, and persistent effort to obtain these objects should fail," he adds, "*the responsibility for ulterior consequences will fall upon those who remain in arms against the Union.* BUT THE UNION MUST BE PRESERVED AT ALL HAZARDS." To the same effect are the declarations of Mr. Pendleton, which are not less familiar or less grateful to the patriot's ear. "*The Union*," Mr. Pendleton declares in his recent letter to the Hon. John B. Haskin, "*is the guarantee of the peace, the power, the prosperity of this people; and no man would deprecate more heartily, or oppose more persistingly, the establishment of another government over any portion of the territory ever within its limits.*" "*I am opposed to disunion*," he said in his speech at Reading, "*whether the demand comes from the South or from European nations—the greatness and glory of the country depend upon the Union; it is worth every sacrifice*—WORTH MORE THAN PEACE, DESIRABLE AS PEACE MAY BE." "I was born in Ohio," he said in his speech in the city of New York a few days ago. "I have lived all my life in the Northwest. I know the sentiment of the people. I sympathize entirely with it. They are attached by every tie of affection and interest to this Union. Unlike New York, they have never known another government; they never existed as a political community before this government was formed; and their hearts cling to this government with indescribable tenacity. Unlike you, they are an inland people, chiefly devoted to agriculture. As an integral and controlling portion of the Union, they have prestige and power; they fear from disunion isolation from the world, and the loss of that prestige and power. Their interest requires that they should have speedy and easy communication with the ocean, *and this they intend to have, both by the Gulf of Mexico and the city of New York*; BY CONCILIATION AND PEACE, IF THEY CAN; BY ALL THE FORCE AND POWER WHICH A TEEMING POPULATION AND A FRUITFUL SOIL GIVE THEM, IF THEY MUST." Such is the Chicago Platform as construed by the Democracy of the country. Such is the position of our candidates. They stand side by side upon the firm ground of the Union and the Constitution. And whatever peace journals or peace men support our candidates at all support them with a frank recognition of the fact that they stand squarely upon this ground. But the peace faction as such does not support our candidates at all. It opposes them. It supports the abolition candidates. It supports Lincoln and Johnson. And this brings us to the action of the peace faction in its national convention at Cincinnati several days ago.

The action of the Peace Convention is announced authoritatively in the address of Wm. Cornell Jewett which we publish to-day on our first page. The leading object of the convention, Mr. Jewett announces, was "*to defeat General McClellan*;" and, in order to accomplish this object, the convention, Mr. Jewett further announces, abstained from nominating candidates, with the view of bringing the peace men to vote directly for the abolition candidate, or, as Mr. Jewett himself expresses it, with "a view to urge the strength of the peace party to the support of Abraham Lincoln." In furtherance of the same object, as Mr. Jewett also announces, the convention adopted an address, to be issued in pamphlet form, which exhibits General McClellan's record as a Union man, and upon the strength of his faultless patriotism denounces him as "unworthy of public support." We have received a copy of this pamphlet, which is as bitter a Lincoln document as the campaign has brought forth. "The platform," says the address, referring to the Chicago Platform, "is a war platform, and the candidate is Major-General McClellan." In short, the address, which was adopted unanimously by the convention, rejects the platform and the candidate alike. Such is the attitude which the peace men have at length formally assumed in this canvass. And thus before the eyes of the nation dissolves the infamous calumny in question.

The result of the action of the Chicago Convention was not a compromise between the conservative party or Union Democracy of the country and the peace faction, but a deliberate expression by the Union Democracy of its own cherished principles. The result was not a compromise of opposite sets of principles, but the full and consistent assertion of a single set of principles;—the principles of the Union and the Constitution. The convention was overwhelmingly conservative, and it compromised no conservative principle. It fully asserted the conservative principles, and asserted no others in any way. The peace faction got neither the platform nor the candidate for the Vice-Presidency. It got nothing. And it so declares solemnly, after the abolitionists have spent two months in trying to prove that it got everything. Nay, the peace faction declares not only that it got nothing from the Chicago Convention, but that it expects to get everything from the Baltimore Convention, and, accordingly, will support Lincoln and Johnson, in order to defeat McClellan and Pendleton. The peace faction in the North, like the rebels in arms, and their sympathizers in Europe, are for Lincoln's re-election, as not merely the best, but the last hope of the rebellion. Unquestionably the sagacity of the whole pack is nothing less than infernal. Their cunning is as devilish as their purposes are. Weak-kneed indeed must be the halting conservative whom these staring facts do not brace up to vote cheerfully for McClellan and Pendleton, the nation's hope, as Lincoln and Johnson are the hope of the rebellion.

MCCLELLAN AND HIS SOLDIERS.—Before it became the policy of the partisan abolitionists to abuse General McClellan, a Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune, under date July 29, 1861, speaking of the men who followed him to the capital from Western Virginia, said:

> General McClellan is regarded by these men as invincible—they say he never made a mistake, and I verily believe these eighty-three men would cheerfully march forth to-night, alone, to attack the entire rebel army at Manassas, if General McClellan should give the order and lead the attack. Colonel Lander, the aid of the commanding General, now here, is also highly esteemed by the men, who say he is the most fearless of mortals, a thorough soldier, and an admirable leader.

Gen. McClellan is one of the least pretentious of men—he generally wears the simple blouse of the riflemen, with not even the starred shoulder-straps to denote his rank—a man who never wastes time—who is indefatigable in his pursuit and attack of the enemy, and equally untiring in his efforts to secure the utmost comfort of his men, compatible with the circumstances of a soldier's life. When his line is on the march, he is ever among the men, with a kind and cheering word for every company; a pleasant look, or a kind salute, or hearty grasp of the hand for each officer or private with whom he is brought on speaking terms by business and in a fight he is always at the front of the column, in the thickest of the danger, encouraging his soldiers by cheering word and fearless deed. He takes soldier's fare with the rest, asking no better food, and no more luxurious bed than the newly-recruited private under his command. If he sees a man without proper shoes or clothing, he has that man, with his captain, sent to his own quarters, where the man is served with the garments he needs, and the captain receives a reprimand that leads him to look more closely after the comfort of his men in future.

That such a man should be the idol of his soldiers is not surprising. The measure of their adoration for him words fail to express, though the following slightly profane, but uncommonly emphatic, statement will perhaps approximate it: "We would, every one of us, fight for old Mac till hell froze over, and then die on the ice." This rabid, frigid sentiment was cordially indorsed by all who heard it uttered.

General McClellan states in his report that during the Peninsular campaign ten severely contested and sanguinary battles had been fought, besides numerous smaller engagements, in which the troops exhibited the most determined enthusiasm and bravery. They subsisted to exposure, sickness, and even death, without a murmur. Indeed, they had become veterans in their country's cause, and richly deserved the warm commendation of the Government. It was in view of these facts that at the close of the campaign it seemed to him an appropriate occasion for the General-in-Chief to give, in general orders, some appreciative expression of the services of the army while upon the Peninsula. Accordingly McClellan sent him the following despatch, to which no answer or recognition was ever given:

> HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,)
> August 18, 1862—11 P. M. (
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> Please say a kind word to my army that I can repeat to them in general orders in regard to their conduct at Yorktown, Williamsburg, West Point, Hanover Court-House, and on the Chickahominy, as well as in regard to the (7) seven days and the recent retreat.
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> No one has ever said anything to cheer them but myself. Say nothing about me. Merely give my men and officers credit for what they have done. It will do you much good, and will strengthen you with them, if you issue a handsome order to them in regard to what they have accomplished. They deserve it.
>
> G. B. MCCLELLAN, Major-General.
>
> Major-General HALLECK, Washington, D. C.

The insulted army and its commander returned to the defences of Washington; the men were scattered under other officers and he left with scarcely a staff or body-guard until Pope was hurled back beaten, and then McClellan was recalled to command, and in about two weeks he whipped Lee's army at Antietam and drove the enemy across the Potomac and down the Shenandoah valley. A few days after these events the General wrote this letter to Bishop Whipple:

> HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.
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> MY DEAR BISHOP: Will you do me the favor to perform Divine Service in my camp this evening. If you can give me a couple of hours' notice, I shall be glad of it, that I may be able to inform the corps in the vicinity. After the great success that God has vouchsafed us, I feel that we cannot do less than avail ourselves of the first opportunity to render to Him the thanks that are due to Him alone. I, for one, feel that the great result is the result of His great mercy; and would be glad that you should be the medium to offer the thanks I feel due from this army and from the country. Earnestly hoping you will accede to my request,
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> I am, very respectfully,
> Your humble servant,
> GEO. B. MCCLELLAN, Maj. Gen. Com'g.

This indicates the fatherly anxiety and Christian solicitude of Gen. McClellan for his men, and the following shows how he was regarded by his soldiers:

> FREDERICK, Sept. 27, 1862.
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> MY DEAR GENERAL: I have spent the day in visiting your brave boys who are in the hospitals here, and the privilege to visit the wayside hospitals, between here and the camps. I am sure it will gladden your heart, and it surely did my own, to see the great love they have to you. When I told them how tenderly you had spoken of them, and how you knelt with me in

any one from inducing them to sell their clothes and arms, but it has no authority in war or peace to attempt a suspension or control over civil rights. Therefore, when the State of New York, as a commonwealth, passed laws in relation to certain rights, it does not give the general government control over such rights.

In this case a crime has been committed. It is against the civil right of soldiers, and against the laws of New York, and a remedy is to be found under the laws of that State. A number of authorities were read to show that the United States had no common law in relation to criminal matters which could be resorted to in this and similar cases. That the New York tribunal had no power to try causes arising under the statute laws of the States, and that no court had jurisdiction except such as given it by the power creating the court.

Col. Foster continued, by arguing that war power was strictly constitutional, and quoted from various authorities in support of his argument; he said if the arguments of counsel for the defendants were correct, then if Lee or Longstreet were captured they could not be tried except by regular indictment by the grand jury and tried before petit jurors. In the Mexican war, Scott established military tribunals, and made statutes so as to prevail there. Could it be said that this action was illegal and yet it would be impossible to point out a clause of the Constitution giving Gen. Scott such power. The President, in January last, ordered a military commission to be convened for the trial of such cases as should come before it. This case of Sam North and others was sent to this commission by the Appellate Court, and consequently this commission has no authority to say they have no jurisdiction in this case. The argument was continued at length.

The court then took a recess till 3 P. M.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 4.

Horace Heffren, Deputy Grand Commander of the Order of Sons of Liberty in Indiana, who for some weeks has been on trial here for participation in a treasonable conspiracy, to-day turned State's evidence, and made a startling revelation of schemes of the order. He said nobody but Democrats had ever been admitted into the order or would be if they applied, and confirmed previous evidence of a military organization in the order and of the appointment of a Major-General to command it. Dr. Bowles, one of the accused, was Commander-in-Chief, with a staff, of which Dr. James Wilson, recently arrested, was Adjutant-General. He said that a committee of thirteen was appointed to prepare for an insurrection and that this insurrection was intended to release the rebel prisoners in the northwest, arm them from the Confederate arsenals, overturn the State government, kill Gov. Morton or hold him as hostage for captured insurrectionists, and then form the northwest into a separate Confederacy or attach it to the rebel Confederacy. He said he was told by Adjutant-General Wilson that $600,000 had been sent by rebel agents in Canada into the Northwest to purchase arms for the order; that $200,000 had been left in Indiana in the hands of Dodd and John C. Walker, State agents. Wilson showed Heffren $1,000 he had received from Bowles to buy arms in Washington county. Heffren further swore that a committee of thirteen had appointed ten men to kill Gov. Morton. A few days since the Governor received a letter, signed by one of the men, declaring that the writer and his associates were sworn to kill him, and would do it. Heffren's revelations astounded the court, though prepared by previous evidence for a part of it. If Gov. Morton was killed, Dr. Athon, Secretary of State, and a member of the order was to take his place, as provided by law in case of the death or disability of the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.

The Post says: The Mercantile Bank is not at all crippled by the defalcation of the teller. It has a surplus of $472,000.

The bark Albion Lincoln put into this port this morning with the captain and crew of the ship Shooting Star, from New York for Panama, and the barks Mark L. Patter, from Bangor for Metteville, and Anima Hall, from Cardnas for New York, all of which were burned by the pirate Chickamanga. The Mark L. Patter was burned Oct. 30th, and the Shooting Star and Anima Hall on the 31st ult. The bark Albion Lincoln was captured by the pirate Chickamanga and bonded for $18,000.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.

In the case of Col. North, the court to-day decided that it had jurisdiction. The Judge Advocate then moved a judgment, if guilty, which was denied. The defendant's counsel then moved to try the prisoners separately. The motion was denied. The court then took a recess till 3 P. M.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.

The Commercial's Washington special says: The reports of plots to destroy Northern cities can be traced to no definite or reliable source. Troops. It is reported, have instructions to inflict summary punishment. Some say if pursuit is made into Canada, that it will be overlooked by the authorities.

The fleet of Captain Pennock, commanding the Mississippi squadron, reports that base frauds have been perpetrated in ballots of sailors by election agents.

The Herald's correspondent says: Captain Wodley assumed command of the Albemarle only a week ago, relieving Captain Cook, who commanded her in the attack of last fall. He mustered his officers and men and assured them that in three weeks he would again attack the enemy, and sink and scatter his fleet, would retake Newbern and drive the Yankees from North Carolina. It is not improbable he might have effected much damage, as he was nearly ready for his raid. The Albemarle was an ironclad vessel, and similar in general features to the Merrimac and Tennessee, but much stronger. It is said the iron was twelve inches thick, backed by several feet of solid timber. She was armed with two 200-pounder Brooke rifles, and was perfectly shot-proof; her weak point proved to be below.

She could have been captured only by ramming. For that purpose much heavier vessels were needed than any that could be got into the Sound. The torpedo was the only means of destroying her.

Lieutenant Cushing is the officer who made the expedition with eight men to headquarters of General Hebert, at Smithville, last March, carrying off Hebert's Adjutant-General from under the guns of the garrison. Hebert was absent at Wilmington at the time. In June, with sixteen men, he ascended Cape Fear river within eight miles of Wilmington, capturing a rebel courier with important despatches.

Major-General Butler arrived in the city this forenoon on business connected with his brother's estate.

The steamer Monterey, from New Orleans, 26th, has arrived.

A letter from Gen. Ullman's department, at Morganza, of the 21st, states that the rebel agent of exchange had communicated with Gen. Lawler, stating that a large number of prisoners, intended for exchange, were on board steamers, which, on account of low water, were ashore. He proposes landing and marching them down to be exchanged for the same number of rebels to be sent up from New Orleans. The exchange will be effected at the mouth of Red river. The rebel officer also informed Gen. Lawler that a Captain Lee, of Quantrell's guerillas, with 100 desperadoes, dressed in Union uniforms, were just beyond Atchafalaya river, and the rebel Gen. Smith had sent word to his Colonel commanding that district not to recognize them nor permit them to cross. If they succeeded in finally crossing, the Union forces were not to consider them as Confederate soldiers. Gen. Ullman will probably banish them the first opportunity.

All was quiet at Forts Gaines and Morgan.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 4.

Generals Rosecrans and A. J. Smith arrived last night. Smith's infantry is moving eastward, one column on the north side and one on the south side of the Missouri river, with instructions to clear the country of guerillas.

Advices from the upper Missouri say that Gen. Sully and his command are at Sioux City. Sully left his Adjutant, Captain Pace, at Fort Sully to negotiate a treaty with the Sioux Indians, several chiefs being there for that purpose.

A private despatch from Springfield, Missouri, says our troops whipped Price again at Newton. Date not given. We now hold the town. The rebels retreated into Arkansas. Gen. Rawlins, Grant's chief of staff, arrived here last night.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.

The daily Chronicle of to-day reports a rumor that Rosecrans will take command of the Army of the Potomac in place of Meade.

Banks, the same paper declares, will succeed to the command of the Department of Missouri.

The trial of Col. North has been postponed till November 14.

The steamer City of Cork sailed late last evening. She carried out $500,000 in specie.

The steamer Costa Rica, from Aspinwall on the 24th ult., with $400,000 in treasure, arrived this evening.

Valparaiso dates of October 2d and Callao of the 5th are received.

A Peruvian exploring steamer had reached Wagro on Amason river, proving the river navigable for 285 miles from Lima.

Gen. Flores, Commander of the Ecuadorian army, died at Guayaquil Oct. 1st.

All quiet at Panama.

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.

Captain Sherwood, of the steamer Potomac, reports that at 12 o'clock last night, forty miles off Cape Cod, he saw a suspicious steamer five miles distant, standing toward the Potomac, and came within hailing distance, and blew a whistle, which was answered by the Potomac. She then made a cruize around the Potomac, evidently became frightened, and steered to the northwest under full speed.

ODDENSBURG, Nov. 4.

The examination of the parties arrested last night took place to-day. They gave no satisfactory account of themselves, and were recommitted. The town was full of rumors. The patrol are organized to guard the town. Military are expected to-night or to-morrow. The raiders are likely to meet with a warm reception.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 4.

The city is crowded with soldiers and civilians, seeking transportation North. The Northern Central Railroad last night and this morning was unable to accommodate the crowd, and some three hundred were left.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.

General Dix has issued an order instructing the Provost Marshals in the Department of the East to use all necessary precautions to prevent persons who have been in the rebel service from voting, and also deserters from the Northern armies, at the ensuing election. At the same time he informs them that no military force must be stationed at or in the vicinity of the polls, unless the civil authorities be unable to preserve order, and should call on the military force for assistance.

It is to be regretted that a rumor is rapidly gaining credence that Butler is to supersede Dix. An intimation to that effect comes from Washington.

The Richmond Enquirer says: A messenger from Shreveport brings news from the Trans Mississippi Department of importance and of an encouraging nature, but does not give particulars.

The Examiner has a long article favoring the employment of negro soldiers, carefully discussed, and the arguments of opponents are answered.

A Wilmington letter to the Dispatch says: The defences at the mouth of the river are strong and fully manned. The land forces under Gen. Bragg at Wilmington will remain till the fight is over.

SENTENCED TO BE SHOT.—On Sunday, at 12 o'clock, five Federal prisoners, under sentence of court-martial found guilty of desertion, will be shot to death on the commons of Louisville. The beautiful stretch of ground just beyond the Nashville depot has been chosen for the place of execution.

Before a general court-martial, convened at Lexington, Ky., on the 28th of June, 1861, of which Colonel T. Shackelford, 6th Kentucky, was President, was arraigned and tried private Vance Mason, company C, 37th Kentucky volunteer infantry. He was found guilty of desertion, and sentenced by the court "to be shot to death with musketry, at such time and place as the commanding General may direct." Major-General Schofield, commanding the Department of the Ohio, has approved the finding and the sentence, and ordered the execution to take place at Louisville, Ky., on the 6th day of November, 1864. Before the same court, and on the same charge, was arraigned and tried private Caleb Ingram, company C 1st Kentucky volunteer light artillery. His finding and sentence is the same.

Before a general court-martial convened at Louisville, Ky., April 4, 1864, of which Lieut.-Colonel E. Burns, 16th Kentucky volunteer infantry, was President, were separately arraigned and tried private Samuel Laird, company E, 24 Ohio volunteer heavy artillery, and corporal J. W. Parker, company K, 20th Kentucky volunteer infantry. They were found guilty of desertion, and are sentenced to be shot on the 6th of November, 1864. Before the general court-martial convened at Louisville on the 24th of February, 1863, of which Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Vaughan, 17th Kentucky volunteer infantry, was President, private Thomas Caine, company L, 5th regiment Kentucky volunteer cavalry, was tried and found guilty of desertion. His finding and sentence "to be shot to death," &c., also has been approved by General Schofield. The five doomed men are now confined in the Military Prison in this city. Their execution to-morrow will be attended by all the solemnity and pomp of war. The sad spectacle and imposing pageant will take place on the broad commons, and all who have any desire to witness the scene of blood, can go and gratify their curiosity.

☞ Among the men who have gone South under the moving power of the late draft, was a Baptist minister of Hardin county—Mr. Williams. He was drafted into the Union army. His congregation offered to purchase a substitute for him, but he refused the offer, saying he would not have any one to fight for a cause for which he was unwilling to battle himself. He preached a farewell sermon to his congregation, and raised a company of Mr. Lincoln's conscripts. They armed, equipped, and mounted themselves, and passed through Daviess county, on their way South.

KENTUCKIANS IN THE ST. ALBANS RAID.—The Cincinnati Commercial learns that three of the men held in custody for participating in the St. Albans raid, by name Jordan Scott, R. F. Young, and Lewis, are refugees from the draft in Kentucky. They deserted over a year ago from the rebel army, and came home, where they remained until scared off by the conscription. Scott lived in Jessamine county, Young and Davis in Nicholasville, and belong to wealthy families.

REBEL DESERTERS.—During the month of October, two hundred and twenty deserters from the rebel army were received at the Military Prison in this city, paroled by Capt. Jones, and sent north of the Ohio river to remain during the war. Nearly all of them are residents of the State of Indiana. How long will they have to remain there before they can vote and pay taxes?

☞ Forney's Press likens the Conservative party to "a mad bull." Then we guess the abolition party is a big fish that our bull will catch on his *hook*.

☞ The abolitionists talk of nothing but "copperheads." They seem to see snakes almost everywhere. Wonder if they don't see them "in their boots."

☞ The Administration gives the rebels no motive for yielding. And how can it expect them to move without a motive power?

☞ We experienced military reverses some time ago, but lately we have had our Phil. of victories.

☞ The Boston Campaign asks why we "wish to displace Mr. Lincoln." Because he is out of place.

☞ The Editor of the Buffalo Commercial says that he endorses the Andy Johnson oath with all his heart. Such a reptile should crawl upon his belly.

FOR PRESIDENT,
GEORGE B. McCLELLAN,
OF NEW JERSEY.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
GEORGE H. PENDLETON,
OF OHIO.

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1864.

ELECTORAL TICKET.

STATE AT LARGE.
FRANK WOLFORD, of Cass.
THORNTON F. MARSHALL, of Bracken.

FIRST DISTRICT.
T. A. DUKE, of McCracken.

SECOND DISTRICT.
B. C. RITTER, of Carlisle.

THIRD DISTRICT.
T. C. WINFREY, of Cumberland.

FOURTH DISTRICT.
J. P. BARBOUR, of Washington.

FIFTH DISTRICT.
W. F. BULLOCK, of Jefferson.

SIXTH DISTRICT.
A. H. WARD, of Harrison.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.
GEO. S. SHANKLIN, of Jessamine

EIGHTH DISTRICT.
W. A. HOSKINS, of Garrard

SIXTH DISTRICT.
HARRISON TAYLOR, of Mason.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1864.

PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, October 17, 1864.

To the Officers of Election and Citizens of Kentucky:

On Tuesday, the 8th day of November next, the legal voters of Kentucky will have the right to select, in accordance with the rules and regulations of law, Electors to cast the vote of the State for President and Vice-President of the United States. Every legal voter should cast his vote according to his own free and unconstrained choice, with an honest and patriotic judgment, and without fear or hindrance.

The apprehensions of many have been startled to fear that the military authorities will interfere and attempt to control the election. These fears have been awakened by the declaration of martial law over Kentucky just preceding the August elections, and by the incidents connected therewith, and by the continuance of martial law, without any occasion or reasonable pretence therefor.

The practical common sense of the loyal and law-abiding people of Kentucky can see no reason for being singled out for military rule, at a time when the civil authorities are fully established, and competent to the emergencies of government.

As martial law operates only upon those within the lines of military operations, and not upon adverse forces, and is only warranted where active hostilities exist, it is no satisfactory answer to those fears to say rebel raids and guerilla depredations make martial law necessary.

Rebels and guerillas must be met with *martial forces*, not with *martial law*. No guerilla was ever started from the bush, or rebel soldier frightened from his purpose, or law-breaker intimidated into obedience of law, by a declaration of martial law. Martial law in Kentucky must expend its force upon the loyal citizen, as it cannot be brought to bear upon the rebels or guerillas. Nor is martial law required to empower our soldiers to give battle to rebels, or to hunt down guerillas.

From this common sense view, which is apparent to the intuition of all, martial law declared over Kentucky assumes to many the aspect of menace; and, therefore, they appeal to me, from all directions, to know "if we are to have a free election." The constitution declares that "all elections shall be free and equal." If the officers of election will do their duty, and the citizens will manfully support them in the discharge of duty, we will have "a free election."

The officers of election are civil officers—derive their powers from, and have all their duties prescribed by, civil authority. They can only look to the rules prescribed by law as their exclusive and only rule of duty. They cannot regard or obey any order, in relation to elections, from any military source whatever, without violating their oath. An order from any military source, directed to the officers of election, and assuming to direct their duties, or to control or restrict the right of suffrage, is not only an outrage upon civil liberty, but an insult to the honor of the officers of election, and should be so resented.

The military authorities have nothing to do with elections; and have no authority or right, as *officers or soldiers*, to interfere therewith. At elections all are *citizens—none are soldiers*. CITIZENSHIP *is the highest status of the man*. The soldier is but a citizen employed in the military service—not in the civil. The duty of the soldier is to *support*—not to *overthrow* or *control* the *civil* authority. He is to *re-establish* the *civil* authority where it has been overborne by *revolt*—not to override or usurp civil authority.

If, therefore, any military officer shall show himself so regardless of duty as to assume to direct or control the officers of election, you should treat such orders with indignant contempt, and scorn obedience which implies perjury and cowardice in you.

If military force is brought to menace the officers of election or voters, your duty is clearly marked out by law. The law is as binding upon the soldier as upon any other citizen. He has no more right to violate it, and is as amenable to its penalties. As no officer of any rank, from the President down, has any right or authority to interfere with elections, no order to do so can legalize the act. If there be sufficient power in the citizens present at any place where such interference may be attempted to arrest the offenders, and hold them over to answer to the violated laws, it will be the duty of the Sheriff to make the arrest in such case. He has authority to require the aid of every citizen, and it should be readily and promptly given, in defence of a common right—of a blood-bought franchise. If the force employed to interfere with the election be too great, at any place of voting, to be arrested, the officers of election in such case should adjourn, and not proceed with the election. If you are unable to hold a free election, your duty is to hold none at all; but adjourn, and report the offenders to the next grand jury of your county for indictment and punishment. This is the lawful mode of meeting unlawful attempts to disturb the freedom of elections.

The laws regulating elections prescribe all the duties of the officers, and all the qualifications and tests of the voter. Observe those rules, and none other. None other are of authority or binding.

The only difference made in the rules governing this election and other elections, is in the privilege given to the Kentucky soldier at this election, whether in the State or Federal service, of voting, if he be a legal voter of the State, at any precinct he may be at in the State, and, if out of the State, of voting at his camp. Poll-books and instructions have been prepared and sent to all the regiments outside of the State.

The portion of the act approved February 22, 1864, which relates to the soldiers voting in the State is in the following words, viz:

"That all qualified voters of the State, who shall be in the military service of the United States or of this State, either within this State or without the same, on the day of the next Presidential election, shall be entitled to exercise the right of suffrage at the election to be held, pursuant to law, on Tuesday next after the first Monday in November next, for the election of electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, at any voting precinct in this State, whether resident therein or not."

The act "approved March 11, 1862," amending the law of expatriation, embodied in my proclamation to the officers, &c., of election, of July 22, 1864, should be strictly and faithfully enforced according to its own provisions.

To protect the elective franchise, and preserve a free election, the officers must look to the laws regulating elections, adopt the rules, and apply the tests, therein prescribed, and permit none others to be imposed.

There being no power or authority in the Federal or State governments to authorize military interference with elections, it follows, as a consequence, that any such interference, under any pretence whatever, must be a wanton violation of the law, and places the perpetrators in rebellious concurrency to the government. To support and vindicate the laws, and maintain and defend the rights sacred to free government, is the duty of every good citizen. Should your fears of unlawful interference of military forces be realized in any county, or at any precinct, pursue the legal modes of meeting it—but do not blame your *government* for lawless acts of our soldiery. Let the blame rest on those who have power but who fail to control and prevent it.

The constitution and laws, the genius and spirit of our free government, alike oppose and condemn such acts. Because the law of our government condemns and punishes unlawful interference with the freedom of elections, we should the more firmly stand by and maintain it. Our laws do not condemn robbery more than they condemn an unlawful interference with elections.

No one would think of turning against the government because he had been assailed and plundered by the robber. Upon the contrary, he would resist the robber to the utmost of his power—overcome him, if able, and appeal him to the laws for punishment. The right to have a free election has the highest sanctions of our government; and authority cannot be given to diminish its freedom. The assumption of such power, therefore, by any person, whether in civil or military authority, State or Federal, will be but the assumption of the bandit and robber—that might is right—and should be met by a brave and manly opposition, and a loyal enforcement of the laws of our government.

By observing the rules prescribed by law as your only rule of duty, we will have, what we have a right to have, "a free election."

To the citizens I will add, it is your duty, each and all, to stand together in maintaining and defending this right sacred to free government, whenever and wheresoever and by whomsoever assailed. No matter how widely you may differ in views of policy or choice of candidates, you have a common and undivided interest in maintaining and defending for all and for each the freedom of elections. Divide as you please in your choice of candidates—this is your right—but stand together to the utmost extremity in maintaining and defending this right, common to all, the security of all, and the privilege to each. I trust there may not be any such efforts to interfere with the elections as many apprehend; but I know that the people have the power to have a free election if they have the will, and will stand together in defence of their right. The people of Kentucky are a law-abiding, loyal, and much-enduring people, and will ever be found struggling "to maintain and defend the supremacy of the Constitution, and to preserve the Union, with all the dignity, equality, and rights of the several States unimpaired," but will not accept a military despotism as a substitute for constitutional government.

To the people—whose right it is to have—is intrusted the defence and protection of the purity and freedom of the election. My faith does not falter nor mind doubt as to the issue. "All elections shall be free and equal" is the mandate of the constitution and the fiat of the people.

THOS. E. BRAMLETTE,
Governor of Kentucky.

THE ISSUE—WHAT PATRIOT CAN FALTER IN HIS CHOICE?—General McClellan, the conservative candidate for the Presidency, says in his letter of acceptance:

The preservation of our Union was the sole avowed object for which the war was commenced. It should have been conducted for that object only, and in accordance with those principles which I took occasion to declare when in active service.

Thus conducted, the work of reconciliation would have been easy, and we ere taught have reaped the benefits of our many victories on land and sea.

The Union was originally formed by the exercise of a spirit of conciliation and compromise. To restore and preserve it, the same spirit must prevail in our councils and in the hearts of the people.

THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNION IN ALL ITS INTEGRITY IS AND MUST CONTINUE TO BE THE INDISPENSABLE CONDITION IN ANY SETTLEMENT. So soon as it is clear, or even probable, that our present adversaries are ready for peace, upon the basis of the Union, we should exhaust all the resources of statesmanship practised by civilized nations and taught by the traditions of the American people, consistent with the honor and interests of the country, to secure such peace, re-establish the Union, and guarantee for the future the constitutional rights of every State. THE UNION IS THE ONE CONDITION OF PEACE. WE ASK NO MORE.

I do not add what I doubt not was, although unexpressed, the sentiment of the Convention, as it is of the people they represent, that when any one State is willing to return to the Union, it should be received at once, with a full guarantee of all its constitutional rights.

If a frank, earnest, and persistent effort to obtain these objects should fail, the responsibility for interior consequences will fall upon those who remain in arms against the Union. BUT THE UNION MUST BE PRESERVED AT ALL HAZARDS.

Such is the position of General McClellan. Such is the platform of his party.

Mr. Lincoln, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, says in his edict addressed to the people at large:

Any proposition which embraces the restoration of peace, and the integrity of the whole Union, AND THE ABANDONMENT OF SLAVERY, and which comes by and with an authority that can control the armies now at war with the United States, will be received and considered by the executive government of the United States, and will be met by liberal terms on other substantial and collateral points, and the bearer or bearers thereof shall have safe conduct both ways.

After the publication of this edict, Mr. Lincoln held an interview with Messrs. Young and Gill, members of the Council of the city of Baltimore, and warm adherents of Mr. Lincoln's, which was thus publicly described at the time, with the acquiescence of all the parties concerned:

The President assured them, in the most solemn manner, that he would never consent to an armistice, or to peace, on any other terms but *the explicit abolition of slavery in all the Southern States;* that he was satisfied that if any other candidate except himself should be elected, that the result of such an election would be an immediate armistice, which would be followed by peace; *that he considered peace, without the abolition of slavery, to be a greater and more calamity than a separation of the South from the North would be;* THAT, IN PLAIN TERMS, HE PREFERRED SUCH A SEPARATION, TO A PEACE WHICH WOULD LEAVE THE SOUTH IN THE ENJOYMENT OF THAT INSTITUTION, AND THAT THEREFORE IT BECAME TO HIM A DUTY TO OPPOSE, BY ALL MEANS IN HIS POWER, THE ELECTION OF ANY OTHER CANDIDATE, AND THAT HE INTENDED TO DO SO.

Such is the position of Mr. Lincoln. Such is the platform of his party.

Now, what will follow, if General McClellan is elected? We will answer according to our sincere and firm conviction. The war will be brought back to its legitimate object, by a formal offer to the Southern people of peace and amnesty upon the simple condition of their return to the Union under the Constitution; and the Southern people, having to choose between this offer and hopeless war for the chimera of separate independence, and being moved especially by the moral guarantee the election itself must afford, will accept the offer. In short, the permanent restoration of peace upon the basis of the Union under the Constitution will follow without further bloodshed. This is our sincere and firm conviction.

But what will follow, if Mr. Lincoln is re-elected? We will answer here also according to our sincere and firm conviction. The war will be prolonged indefinitely, the nation will become bankrupt, and the government of our fathers will be permanently overthrown. Such are the consequences as stated in their mildest and most general form.

Not only is this our sincere and firm conviction, based upon the object of the war as declared by Mr. Lincoln himself, but it is equally the conviction of Mr. Lincoln and his adherents, according to their own admissions. Mr. Lincoln in his most exulting mood does not profess to believe that under his policy the war can end short of four years. Some of his adherents, less exulting or more sagacious, assign twenty years as the duration of the war; others thirty years; and others, with a just prevision, confess that the war must be interminable or terminate ingloriously; while others still, whose fronts are as shameless as their hearts are black, openly avow that they do not want the war to end at all. None of them pretend to believe that the war will end speedily, if Mr. Lincoln is re-elected.

Mr. Lincoln's avowals on this point in his interview with Messrs. Young and Gill are thus given in the account from which we have quoted above:

He said, further, that he had no doubt now that the South had the power and the means to continue the war for years longer, though he had thought otherwise at one time; but that he was determined to prosecute the war with all the means at his command till the rebels were conquered or exterminated, even if it took four years more. He appeared quite sanguine as to his re-election.

To the like effect is the declaration which Mr. Lincoln made subsequently at the Philadelphia Fair, the declaration being reported in the journals of his own party as follows:

I only ask for four years more of war to abolish slavery in every one of the Southern States.

Major-General Butler's opinion on the point transpires through the following paragraph in the Newport (N. H.) Argus:

A TWENTY YEARS' WAR.—Col. George stated in his speech in this town, on Saturday last, that Gen. Butler told his partner, William L. Foster, Esq., while on a recent visit to the Army of the Potomac, that the re-election of Lincoln would be equivalent to a TWENTY YEARS' WAR.

A distinguished correspondent of the New York Times, Mr. Lincoln's metropolitan organ, says:

I try it every way and cannot cypher out a peace. *So long as the North insists upon subjugating the South—governing it by bullets and ballots—and so long as the South resists this subjugation, the war must go on.* The Russian war in Circassia lasted twenty years. The Spaniards and Moors *were at war eight hundred years.* The Moors were driven out of Spain, and Circassia has been conquered, the remnant of the people who refused to submit to Russia taking refuge with the Turks. In *ten*, or *twenty*, or *thirty* years, the Southerners who have not escaped to Canada or Europe may take refuge in Mexico.

The high official of the Republican party whose letter we published on Thursday last says:

We shall secure the next Congress without a doubt, and with it, I think, the re-election of Mr. Lincoln. You will know what weight to attach to my words when I say that *I am satisfied that he realizes not only that this country cannot remain half free and half slave, but that there can be but one solution of the vexed problem, and that by the total elimination of the white population of the South.* THIS WILL INVOLVE, AT LEAST, A THIRTY YEARS' WAR. NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY WILL BE INEVITABLE, BECAUSE WE CAN SUSTAIN NO FURTHER STRAIN UPON OUR FINANCES. *At least half, if not two-thirds, of our able-bodied men will have to give up their lives ere we reach the end.* All this, I firmly believe, is in store for me. If we pursue the policy which I aver is the one that we ought to pursue.

Thurlow Weed, whose political prescience so far exceeds his political integrity, says:

Abolition influences in Congress and in the Cabinet have doubled the millions of dollars, and deepened the rivers of blood, spent and shed in a war which, so long as such influences and councils sway the Government, promises nothing but an INTERMINABLE CONFLICT or an inglorious termination.

And, finally, Senator Lane, the acknowledged master-spirit of the convention that nominated Mr. Lincoln, exclaims in a speech before the shoddyites of New York, who tumultuously applaud the exclamation:

By G—d, I want to make this war a permanent institution.

In strict harmony with these admissions are the known preparations which Mr. Lincoln is making for a series of new drafts in the near future. A series of new drafts indeed results necessarily from Mr. Lincoln's irreversible policy. On this point we beg to quote the following passage from Governor Seymour's great speech in Philadelphia:

The men who were drafted this year under the five hundred thousand call have but one year to serve. The three years' men who were taken into the army in 1862 will go out of the service next year. Their terms begin to expire in the spring. *In nine months the army will need the largest additions that have been made at any one time.* As the Administration shrank from calling for more three years' men just before an election, the places to be vacated by the *one year* men must be provided to be filled *in nine months*, and thus it is reasonable to believe that THE LARGEST DRAFT THAT HAS YET BEEN MADE WILL BE ORDERED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 1865. I do not speak unkindly, for the Administration has intimated to me that *they expect another draft.* The State of New York had furnished an excess of three years' men, and I asked, that, in making up the quota of New York, one three years' man should be counted as equal to three one year's men. They said they could not do that, as they needed men immediately; but they provided that a three years' man should be counted as one man on *this draft*, as one man on the NEXT DRAFT, and as one man again on THE THIRD DRAFT, and thus the matter would be equalized. So it appears from this that we are to have at least *two drafts more.* [Voice—"That's refreshing."] Every man knows that we must have this draft. After that, if the war is ended under the policy of this Administration, we shall be compelled to maintain large armies to hold the people of the South in subjugation to carry out the Emancipation Proclamation and the Confiscation Act.

And the despatches from Washington announce that Mr. Lincoln and his advisers have already determined that before the first of these drafts takes place the substitute clause shall be repealed. During Mr. Lincoln's second term, if the nation and mankind should be cursed with such a term, the drafts would be inexorable, numerous, and ere long sweeping. The dishonor and destruction of the government would be purchased with the lives and possessions of the people.

All this will follow, if Mr. Lincoln is re-elected. On the other hand, Union and peace will follow, without further bloodshed, if General McClellan is elected. No matter what gasconade the rebel leaders may utter now or then, the election of General McClellan, and the offer of the constitution to the Southern people, will deal the finishing stroke to the rebellion. It will collapse without the necessity of another battle. General McClellan will make peace over the heads of the rebel leaders and without regard to them. It is Mr. Lincoln who addresses himself exclusively to the rebel leaders, strengthening their iron grasp upon the South, as they in return strengthen his own iron grasp upon the North. He is the friend of the rebel leaders, but the enemy of the people of both sections. His defeat will enthrone the people of the South and of the North alike. The Southern people are really as anxious to get rid of the rebel leaders as the Northern people are to get rid of the abolition leaders; but the deliverance of the latter is the condition of the deliverance of the former. The chains which bind the South in rebellion are riveted by the aid of Northern hands. Let the Northern people cast off the abolition leaders at the polls, and the rebel leaders, unsupported by their Northern allies in the high places of the government, will at once go down before the Southern people. No further bloodshed will be necessary. Such is the glorious consequence that will follow General McClellan's election. The issue is between peace upon the basis of the Union and the Constitution, and endless war for the abolition of slavery, with the bankruptcy of the nation, the overthrow of the government, and the extinction of the liberties of the people. This is the issue. What patriot can falter in his choice?

SHERMAN—THE SITUATION.—Great anxiety is manifested by the people in relation to the situation of General Sherman's army. Not understanding the movements now in progress, the public passes hasty judgment, and can see nothing cheering in the present position of the two hostile armies. To the casual observer, Hood seems to be master of the situation. By a bold move he has thown his army far into Sherman's rear, and his legions now throng the banks of the Tennessee, and even threaten Nashville. General Sherman cannot lay his programme before the public or detail the operations now in progress for its benefit. His success lies in rapid execution and secrecy of movements. We are advised of some of the facts of the present campaign, startling and brilliant in conception, and which promise to result in glorious success, but we cannot, at the present time, breathe a word to the public in relation to them. We can only say, that, if all works well, the world will be astounded at the genius of Gen. Sherman and at the movements planned by his fertile brain. To him, and to those who understand the campaign, there is nothing dark in the present situation; all is bright and full of hope. When the facts shall be presented to the public, even if the operations now in progress should not be marked with success, the world will stand aghast—will be filled with amazement, and acknowledge that a more bold and brilliant campaign was never planned by an able General. It exceeds their wildest conceptions, and, when the startling news shall break forth, thousands of tongues will sing the name of Sherman with praise, and hands be ready to crown his brow with unfading laurels.

☞ There is intense activity in the army, but bullets have given place to ballots and bombs to abolition bombast. The satellites of the administration are scattered through the various corps, polling the regiments, and dealing out promises with liberal tongues. Surgeons have been detailed to canvass the hospitals and send home all Lincoln voters for Illinois and Indiana. The whole machinery of the Republican party is put in requisition to aid their candidates and tyranize over the conservative voters. The cars that should be employed in hurrying up reinforcements and supplies to General Sherman have been daily filled with robust healthy men going home to vote. The crushing of Hood, who is now in Tennessee and menacing Kentucky with a large army, is of far less importance than the re-election of Mr. Lincoln. A most shameful act of partizan roguery occurred at Chattanooga a few days ago, the particulars of which have been detailed to us in a letter. The Adjutant of the 101th Illinois was ordered by his Brigade commander to collect all the men of the brigade fit for duty and bring them to their commands. He collected twenty-six men of the 104th Illinois, who had returned from home on furlough, and were awaiting for transportation to bring them to the regiment, when Surgeon Dyer, of the same regiment, who had been home also, finding the men ready to join their command, where they were solely needed, applied to the Medical Director of the post to have them furloughed again and sent home. The twenty-six men were taken from the Adjutant, furloughed, and sent back to Illinois to vote for Mr. Lincoln, the Doctor thinking that their votes were of more importance to the Administration than the killing of rebels. This is the system that is pursued by the Administration flunkies, under the order of the Secretary of War. No wonder that Hood invaded Tennessee, when he knows that Sherman's army is rapidly reducing to a mere skeleton for the benefit of the party that claims all the virtue and the loyalty of the country. Will the outraged people open their eyes to the true state of affairs, and crush the life out of that party on Tuesday? The agents of the Administration have thrown off all disguise, and boldly assert that Lincoln *must win at any cost.* Let the conservative ranks be steady and resolute.

TAMPERING WITH SOLDIERS' VOTES.—The abolitionists are raising a hue and cry over election frauds, but it is done only to conceal their own enormities. Our country will be disgraced on Tuesday by the most gigantic invasions of the elective franchise, and a complete disregard of the common decencies of a political canvass. The disgrace will not be local, but it will blister the country every where. We have information, from a source entitled to the most unbounded confidence, that a high-toned and honorable gentleman, a captain in the 37th Kentucky infantry, now quartered near Lexington, was approached last week in that city by M. M. Benton, of Kenton county, who asked him the question direct, *"Whether it would be to the interest of Mr. Lincoln to have the 37th regiment mustered out of the service before the election or await until after the Presidential election."* The motive for the inquiry was that if a majority of the regiment were for Lincoln they would be retained in the service and vote as soldiers under the act of the last Legislature, but, if the reverse should be the case, they would be mustered out of the service immediately anterior to the election day. By this action they would become citizens without the possibility of reaching their proper precincts to vote as citizens, and their suffrages as soldiers could not be claimed or if claimed would not be allowed, and, consequently McClellan would lose the votes and the men who have imperilled their lives in defence of their country become virtually disfranchised. The 37th Kentucky was organized as a one year regiment, on October 24, 1863, and should have been discharged a fortnight since, but the muster-out has been delayed for the purpose indicated. The agent in this nefarious effort was fitly chosen, for Benton is the man who went out of Covington into the country that he might have free play for his lungs to shout over rebel success and for Jeff Davis. There can be no doubt as to the reliability of his attempt to tamper with the elective franchise, for our informant is a gentleman of high official position, who does not wish to incur the malignity of those in power until he is mustered out and honorably discharged; when that is done he will be personally responsible to Benton for this statement, and for other developments which will be made of the perfidious conduct of this blatant secessionist, now disguised under the black wool of an abolitionist. "Huzza for McClellan," is the watchword of the Kentucky regiments, and all the sneaks in the State like M. M. Benton can not drown the expression of their opinion. A soldier's vote is as dear to him as the flag of his country, and we think that the man who would tamper with the first should be shot who would attempt to land down the second.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.

The New York Times' Army of the Potomac special says: We understood the last movement was simply a reconnoissance in force. Gen. Grant determined to ascertain the actual strength of the enemy on our left. Such an investigation could only be effected by concentrating a body of troops, to which end large detachments were hurriedly unknown to us, but every part of it familiar to the enemy. Orders were sent to Butler not to attack, but only to engage the attention of the enemy on the right for the double purpose of preventing him from massing against our left, and to ascertain the actual strength in that direction. The enemy were found intrenched in their works.

The results of the movementare in our favor, we capturing 2,000 prisoners, while losing less than 1,000. In killed and wounded we are about equal.

The health of the army is excellent. Everything is reported quiet in the Shenandoah valley. Guerillas are very active between Sheridan's headquarters and Martinsburg.

The Herald gives full particulars of the recent piratical depredation off the coast.

Captain Drinkwater, of the ship Shooting Star, says the pirate steamer carried the stars and stripes until within gunshot of the prizes, when she hoisted the rebel flag. The Shooting Star was burned, and her crew passed on board the Albion Lincoln, which boat was bonded for $18,000 and sent to New York. All the prisoners were compelled to sign a parole not to serve on land or sea against the Confederate States until regularly discharged.

Lieut. Wilkinson, commander of the Chickamauga, is an old officer of the navy, and a native of Virginia. He resigned his commission in June, 1861, and was appointed Lieutenant in the rebel navy.

Lieut. Ward, commanding the Olustee, is

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.

Richmond papers of **Friday, the 28th inst.,** have been received. In speaking of the movements of Grant's army on the day before, they say that its object was not altogether discernable, for it did not look like a general advance for the purpose of attacking Lee's outer line.

The Enquirer, however, professes to know that Butler was sent toward Richmond to make a feint while Grant moved toward the Southside Railroad, for the purpose of capturing it. It then falsely adds that our forces made seven repeated assaults on the rebel lines defending that road, and that each one was repulsed.

A highly important correspondence has taken place between Generals Grant and Lee on the question of retaliation. General Lee opened a correspondence on the 19th of October, in which he says he learns that the rebel Secretary of War has information from General Butler that the latter had placed Confederate officers and soldiers at work on Dutch Gap Canal, in retaliation for Federal colored soldiers who had been placed in the Richmond fortifications by the Confederate authorities.

Lee then goes on to say that his government has pursued the following policy: All negroes in the military or naval service of the United States, taken by Confederate forces, and who are not identified as property of citizens of the Confederacy, are treated as prisoners of war, and are held as proper subjects for exchange; but negroes who owe service or labor to citizens of the Confederacy, and are found in the Federal army, occupy, he says, a different position, and the rights of the service or labor of the soldiers in the Confederate States are the same as when those States were members of the Union.

The constitutional relations and obligations of the Confederacy to this kind of property are the same as those now being understood by the Federal Government. Lee then reviews the history of our country relative to the abduction of negroes at great length, and concludes by saying that fifty colored soldiers belonging to Butler's command were recognized as belonging to residents of the Confederacy. Those were ordered to work on the Richmond fortifications until their owners should claim them, but they have since been withdrawn.

He says further that if any negroes are included in those placed on fortifications, who were not identified by their owners, he is not aware of it. These colored men, he declares, are not exposed to our fire. General Lee then concludes as follows: In view of the statement I have made, I have only to inquire whether the course pursued toward our prisoners—that of placing them to work in Dutch Gap—has Your sanction, and whether it will be maintained.

Gen. Grant replies as follows:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE U. S., October 28, 1864.

GENERAL: Understanding from your letter of the 19th inst. that the colored prisoners who were employed on the intrenches near Fort Gilmer have been withdrawn, I have directed the withdrawal of the Confederate prisoners employed in Dutch Gap Canal. I shall always regret the necessity of retaliating a wrong done our soldiers, but I regard it as my duty to protect all persons who enter the service of the U. S., regardless of color and to secure to all such employed soldiers of the government are captured, the same treatment as they receive will be inflicted upon an equal number of prisoners held by the United States. I have nothing to do with the discussion of the slavery question, and therefore will not answer arguments adduced to show your right to hold as slaves persons in the service of the United States. Deserters from your army, in answer to your inquiries, at the conclusion that prisoners of war falling into my hands should receive the kindest treatment possible consistent with security from them unless I have good authority for holding any number of our men are being treated otherwise, then, painful as it may be, I shall inflict like punishment on an equal number of Confederate prisoners. Hoping that it may never become my duty to order retaliation upon any man held as a prisoner of war, I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT,
Lieutenant-General.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.

The Herald has a despatch, dated Hagerstown, October 31st last night, stating that firing in the direction of Sheridan's front was heard on Saturday afternoon, but whether a fight was in progress or not is not known. The disposition being made by Sheridan of different commands of his army shows his vigilance and his preparations to meet an assault in any direction.

General Neal Dow is informed, has been ordered to West Virginia on important service, which is most likely to check any designs Breckinridge may have of moving through to East Tennessee.

Over 200 thousand rebels have come within General Sheridan's lines since the 19th of September, many of them bringing with them as much of their property as they can carry.

It is again said that Early has been superseded in the command of the rebels in the Shenandoah valley by Long Street, and that reinforcements have reached him from Breckinridge in West Virginia and Hood in Georgia.

The first news reported from the army of the James, during the past week of demonstrations made by Butler's forces, General Terry moved the 10th corps out in advance of our extreme right, and began occupying the country along the course of the fight of the 14th, and from that point on the Darbytown road northward to the New Market road.

Considerable desultory firing has occurred here during the day, without further effect than to show the enemy's strength. The 18th corps, meanwhile, accompanied by Kautz's cavalry, moved out toward the Williamsburg road, and there met and fought the enemy late in the evening, with varying success.

Hinman's brigade of colored troops succeeded in carrying one of the enemy's redoubts, and capturing the guns, while Fairchild's and Hall's brigades were roughly handled in endeavoring to take a strong position held by the enemy, directly on the Williamsburg road, in the neighborhood of Seven Pines.

Darkness came on too soon to permit us to avail ourselves of the advantage gained by the capture of the redoubt on the enemy's left, and our troops were ordered to retire, which they did at dark, and prepared for a fair start again next morning. The result on the other side of the James, however, led Gen. Grant to direct the withdrawal of our forces to their original position.

Matters have resumed their usual quiet here. The losses of the 10th corps will amount to some three hundred men, or thereabouts, of the 18th probably double that number. Most half of them however have been captured by the enemy.

Among the latest rebel newspaper extracts is a proclamation from Jeff. Davis, naming the 16th of November, as a national thanksgiving day in Ex-dominions. This document shows that Jeff Davis, while claiming that thanks are due for the many signal victories with which our armies have been crowned; and for the fruitfulness with which our land has been blessed and for the unconquered energy with which the hearts of our people have been inspired at the same time we need acknowledge that our sins have merited and received grievous chastisement, for which the soldiers of the Union can vouch, and that large districts of country have been swept over and held by the armies of the United States; and that colored troops are a thorn in Jeff's side is shown by his statement that the most hellish malignity of the enemy of a savage race has been exercised in our forces.

The Charleston Mercury reviews at length the so-called peace theories of A. H. Stephens and the rebel Congressman Boyce. In the course of it, criticises it very frankly, and admits that the people of rebeldom like under despotism; that the rebel constitution has been violated by the rebel Congress in the levying of direct taxes, and that the public faith has been forfeited by compelling holders of rebel currency to sacrifice one-third of it.

Our late military disasters, it says, has conquered the reconstructionists to raise their heads.

The rebel account of Grant's last movements are summed up in a terrible failure, while he is killed and wounded, while the rebel loss is but twenty-five men. The death of the rebel General Dowling is announced.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.

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